

MIRUS

Minneapolis Intergroup: Recovery, Unity, Service

March 2019 Step, Tradition, and Concept Three

Step Three

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him."

The phone rang and the young lady from Minneapolis Intergroup asked if I would be willing to write an article for the March MIRUS on Step Three. "Panic," I'm not qualified! And my sponsor's words got on the squirrel cage in the back of my skull. "If at all possible, you don't say no in AA when asked to do something." Rats, gotta say yes.

After spending almost three decades trying to drink away the bad memories of Vietnam, and progressively getting worse, I had finally beaten myself into a state of reasonableness. My life was unmanageable (Step 1) and I knew it. This thing called Alcoholics Anonymous sounded weird. I spent the first three months helping to clean up after meetings and never did find any brandy (you were all just too happy) in the coffee cups. I finally came to believe you were telling the truth, AA does work (Step 2).

Now this Step 3 thing, and the "God" word.....Your not making this easy are you?

You took the time to break it down into small pieces that this skeptical slow learner could understand.

Made a decision.

In retrospect, we already made a decision to get help when we staggered through the doors to that first meeting. But decisions require action or they are nothing. So, finish what you started for once, just to be different, OK?

I was told that knowledge of the physical and mental damage I did to myself while drinking was important to my recovery. However, lasting contented sobriety can only be gained by fully surrendering to Step 3. The physical, mental, and spiritual solution works best when all three aspects are treated.

Turn my will over? No thank you, I'm doing just fine. Oh really? And what brought you here, a winning streak? No, my will was self will, run riot. My will is to be drunk, to dodge reality, and shirk responsibility. Ok, lets try the easier softer way.

Turn over my life? Now lets talk about this. Oh, half measures...ok BUT! Yeah, that winners streak I was on....I really don't like it when you blow holes in my alcoholic logic. And what do I really have for an alternative? Back to the streets and oblivion? No Thanks. You seem to have something that maybe I'd like to have too.

Then the lights started to come on one by one. There it was, the key for me, stuck in the middle of Step Three, hidden between "the" and "of" was a word I had missed for several months - CARE. Nobody cared for me, heck I didn't even like me...and the ice started to melt. The walls I had built for protection that had become my own prison started to show cracks. Maybe, just maybe, there actually is a "God of my understanding" who cares for a low bottom drunk like me. When that thought slowly sank in, not in my head, but in my soul, the light got a little brighter and a sliver of peace crept in, and I could visualize some serenity off in the future.

There are a lot of words written about Step 3. There is a pray-


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Welcome Al-Anon & Alateen



36th Annual Gratitude Night Saturday April 13, 2019

AA Speaker: Sharon C., Los Angeles, CA 
Al-Anon Speaker: Joe D., St. Louis Park, MN

6:30 Social Hour / AA Service Info Tables

7:30 Program & Speakers

10:00 DJ and Dance

Celebrate gratitude by visiting the service tables before and after the speakers!

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1301 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis
Ballroom A-Across from Dunn Bros
Look for greeters. Look for blue & yellow balloons.

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Notes from your Service Office:

The General Service Theme for 2019 is:

“Our Big Book - 80 Years, 71 Languages.”

“Every A.A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his own spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore, he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A.A. itself.”

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*, p. 166

Originally published in the April 1958 Grapevine

I recently attended a three day conference. During a presentation a question was put forth to those attending: “How many do not know about the Faithful Fiver Program?” I was shocked by how many raised their hand. It really seemed like half of those attending were unaware of the Faithful Fiver Program. I would like to take the opportunity to get this information to anyone who is not aware.

Most Central Offices across the US and Canada use this program to help financially support their service center. The Faithful Fiver idea came about when a group of members remembered that they wasted much more than five

dollars a month during their drinking days. (See the program form in this MIRUS for more information or to set up your monthly contribution.)

Did you know we have an EFT (electronic funds transfer) program? If you fill out the form one time, you don't have to think about it any more. Your contribution will automatically be deducted from whatever account you choose: credit card, checking account, savings, etc., each month. When we set up your contribution on a secure site, we cut out and shred your account information so your number is no longer accessible on any paperwork in the Intergroup Office. You can cancel anytime you like. You will get a receipt after each contribution is made by email or by US mail. If you choose, go directly to the Intergroup website and click on “Contribute” to skip the paper enrollment. Call Minneapolis Intergroup anytime if you have a question. There is also the Birthday Plan you can participate in. Call the staff at the Intergroup Office anytime or your sponsor.

In Love and Service

Office Manager, Gail S.

Notes from Your Board Chair:

Here comes March! March, the third month of the year, is the only month I'm aware of that has a saying that comes with it: “In like a lion, out like a lamb.” While I am no expert on exactly what this means, I perceive it to mean that March begins in winter and by the time it ends, it is spring - or spring is at least in sight. In Minnesota, March can feel like an emotional rollercoaster as we experience warmer, sunny days followed by cold, snowy days while spring and winter seemingly go head-to-head all around us. These ups and downs remind me of Step Three as I am made acutely aware of the immeasurable power of the being I decide to turn my will and my life over to, compared to the nominal power I have on my own.

Currently each morning I get to pray the Third Step prayer with my sponsor and then with a woman I sponsor. “God, I offer myself to Thee - to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!”

Each time I say or read this prayer, depending on where my head and my heart are, it means something different. It consistently sets my thinking in a better direction than it had been prior to the prayer. Additionally, I often get a feeling of gratitude for messages like the ones found in this prayer that are available to me because of this Fellowship. How fortunate we are to have had the design for living laid out in the 12 Steps passed on, to give us lives where we can experience true freedom from alcohol and our own self will.

In that spirit of gratitude, I wish to extend my most enthusiastic invitation to Intergroup's annual Gratitude Night at the Minneapolis Convention Center April 13, 2019. As many of us may recall, last year's Gratitude Night event went on despite the worst blizzard we had seen in the area for decades! This year, I understand our office manager has put a brave volunteer in charge of the weather, so it should work out exactly like we plan this time around (wink wink). Come out to join us as we honor the countless volunteers that make the services Intergroup provides possible!

With Love,

Melanie Y., Board Chair

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Your Intergroup board meets every month at 6:30 pm on the Tuesday before the Rep's meeting in the Intergroup Office.

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Metro District General Service Meetings

District 7	Second Monday, 6:30 pm St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 13600 Technology Dr., Eden Prairie, MN 55344
District 13	First Tuesday, 7:00 pm United Methodist Church 10506 Hanson Blvd. N.W., Coon Rapids, MN 55433
District 14	First Monday, 7:30 pm United Methodist Church 609 8th St. N.W., Buffalo, MN 55313
District 17	Second Tuesday, 7:30 pm Crossroads Assembly of God Church 10478 Bell Ave., Plato, MN 55370
District 18	Second Thursday, 6:30 pm Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55403
District 19	Second Wednesday, 7:00 pm Rosemount Community Center, Room 210 13885 S. Robert Tr., Rosemount, MN 55068
District 20	Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm Twin Lake Alano Club 4938 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
District 21	Second Tuesday, 7:30 pm Pilgrim United Methodist Church 4325 Zachary Lane, Plymouth, MN 55442
District 22	Second Wednesday, 7:00 pm Mizpah United Church of Christ 412 5th Ave. N., Hopkins, MN 55343
District 24	First Monday, 7:00 pm St. John's Lutheran Church 119 8th Ave. W., Shakopee, MN 55379
District 25	Second Wednesday, 7:30 pm Woodlake Lutheran Church 7525 Oliver Ave. S., Richfield, MN 55423

Intergroup A.A. Orientation Open Meetings

The Saturday Orientation Open Meeting takes place every week at 10 A.M. at the Mizpah Church, 412 5th Ave. N., located just west of Highway 169 and just south of Highway 7 in Hopkins.

3/2	Importance of Singleness of Purpose Her Story
3/9	Step Four / Tradition Four His Story
3/16	What are A.A.'s Three Legacies? Her Story
3/23	Step Five / Tradition Five His Story
3/30	The History of A.A. & Its Founders Her Story

NOTICE

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**Intergroup
Reps Meeting**
Thursday,
March 28th
6:30 pm

At Mizpah United
Church of Christ:
412 5th Ave. N.
Hopkins, MN 55343.
(See orientation mtg
directions)

Twelve Concepts for World Service, written by Bill W. in 1962

Concept III:

Long Form: *As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."*

Short Form: "To ensure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision."

In Concept II of the Service Manual, Bill talks about the ultimate authority and responsibility being given to the General Service Board by the fellowship. He also says that there cannot be effective leadership of the General Service Board without our trust. If we trust God and the process then we should be able to trust those we have given the ultimate authority to.

What does the "Right of Decision" mean? When I was the GSR of my home group (Third Tradition Group in Northfield), I was tasked with bringing information about my group to the District 16 meetings and Area Assemblies. It was also my job to bring information in regards to the District and Area 36 business back to my group. Then we could make an informed decision for me to report back to my District or Area events. It was at these events that some new information did come up in discussion. When that happened and I felt that my group would change their vote based on that new information, I then used my right of decision to change our vote. That also meant that when I went back to my group I had to fully explain to them why I changed their vote, and what the new information was.

Bill also talks about our Delegates that we send to the Conference in New York. He tells us that they are messengers of our conscience, but we should not dictate to them how to vote. We should send them with our conscience with the "Right of Decision" as well. That truly the Conference can solve World Service matters that we surely could not on our own as a fellowship. Now, I personally have heard many "opinions" on both sides of that discussion in the 21 years of being sober and being around General Service. And both opinions are valid in their own right. Truly I believe that we have to trust that we in Area 36 have always been fully informed by our Delegates and I trust the Third Legacy Voting process that we use to elect our Delegates.

I know we have always been well represented at the General Service Conference. I hope to keep that tradition alive.

On page 13 of the Service Manual in Concept III, Bill states, "There will always be plenty of ultimate authority to correct inefficiency, ineffectiveness, or abuse. If the Conference does not function well, the groups can send in better Delegates. If the Trustees get badly out of line, the Conference can censure them, or even reorganize them. If the Headquarters' services go sour, the Trustees can elect better directors and hire better help. These remedies are ample and direct. But for so long as our world services function reasonably well – and there should always be charity for occasional mistakes – then 'trust' must be our watchword, otherwise we shall wind up leaderless."

Yours in Service,

Missy P.

Area 36 Delegate Panel 69

delegate@area36.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gopher State Roundup XLVI, which will be held over Memorial Day weekend, May 24 - 26, 2019, takes an incredible amount of work to make it the exciting spiritual weekend that it is.

If you would like to become a part of making it all happen, just check the committee you would like to work on and return the form to the address listed below. You will be contacted for your assignment as the Roundup date nears.

I would like to work on the following committee:

☐ Greeters ☐ Ushers ☐ Registration ☐ Tickets
☐ Chair Room to Grow ☐ Staff Information Booth ☐ Security
☐ Al - Anon

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Email _____

Phone Number with Area Code _____

Please return the completed form to:

Gopher State Roundup

P.O. Box 390533

Minneapolis, MN. 55439-2026

~ or ~

complete electronically at gopherstateroundup.org

The Twelve Traditions - How They Apply In Our Lives

TRADITION THREE

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is the desire to stop drinking."

When I walked into my first Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous more than 30 years ago, I had an attitude. I was waiting to be told what I had to do to tow the A.A. line. I suspected A.A. would try to force some kind of religious dogma down my unwilling throat. Or worse, I'd be brainwashed into this cult called A.A. Skeptical and scared, I was on high alert for anything I could interpret as coercion.

Fortunately, I'd wandered into a Step and Tradition group that took Tradition Three to heart: They said the only requirement for A.A. membership was a desire to stop drinking. Did I have that? If not, I could go back out and try some controlled drinking. Having already tried to control my drinking—try living with someone in A.A. while you're pretending to be a social drinker—I didn't need more "experimenting." I needed help. And even in my confused state, I realized this was the place I could get it.

Today, I thank God for the Tradition that says I'm a member if I say I am. That makes it possible for me to listen to every member of Alcoholics Anonymous, newcomer or old-timer. We might not have anything else in common—many of us never would have been drinking buddies—but we're the same: We're alcoholics.

Chris F., Wayzata, MN.

Gopher State Roundup XLVI

May 24th, 25th & 26th, 2019

DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, MN.

Hospitality suites are available by reservation for this event.

If your group is interested in a hospitality suite and the associated rates, please contact:

Kelli M. at 952-836-8282

Katy D. 952-250-4166

HospitalitySuitesCommittee@gmail.com

If you had a room last year, you will be sent this year's application form in February. We hope to see you there!

Gopher State Roundup Hospitality Suite Committee

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er to go with it too. See Page 63 of the Big Book of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. All the instructions are right there hidden in plain sight.

When I got this Step simplified to where my alcohol damaged brain could grasp the concept, it became clear; this thing called AA works. There is a solution. Its simple. Don't try to over analyze it. It will become clearer as we move forward through the rest of the Steps.

To me, this is the real decision I had to make; do I want to get better? Do I want what you have? Yes, and the decision is "to go on and do the rest of the Steps to the best of my ability." Not perfectly, it can't be done. Just honestly the best I can do today.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Ed M., Minneapolis, MN. for the MIRUS

"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail."
—*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 89

Intergroup 12 Step Service Opportunities Contribute Your Time at Minneapolis Intergroup Just Stop In!

Daytime Phone Answering
Training Provided
Daytime Office Volunteers
Service work available

Carry the AA Message to Outside Agencies*

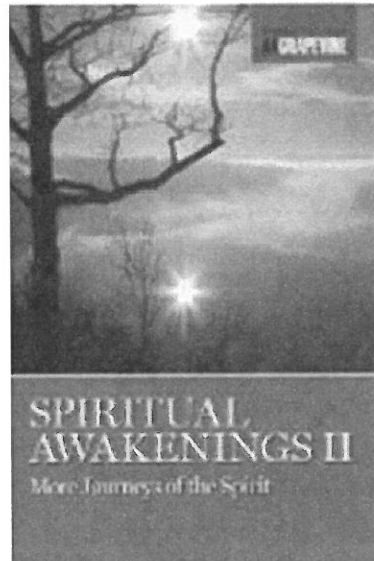
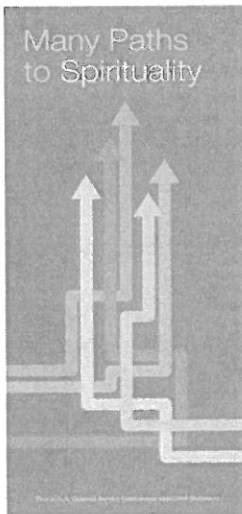
Groups and Members are Invited to:

Hennepin County Adult Detention Center (Jail) (Men & Women)
Scott County Jail AA Meetings (Men & Women)
Carver County Jail AA Meetings (Men & Women)
Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility (Men & Women)
Corrections Facility Contact Program (Men & Women)
Andrew Residence (Men & Women)
Henn County Adult Corrections Facility-Plymouth (Men & Women)

Call or Stop by the Office for Details

*In Cooperation with the Professional Community

"This is our *twelfth suggestion*: Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can."
—*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 89



AA Pamphlet of the Month:

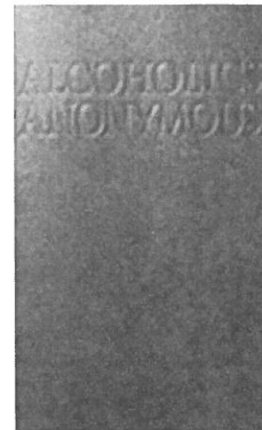
Many Paths to Spirituality

AA Book of the Month:

Alcoholics Anonymous (Pocket Size)

Grapevine Book of the Month:

**Spiritual Awakenings II -
More Journeys of the Spirit**



Group Contributions - January 2019. Thank you all, in the Spirit of Hope.

4100 AA Group	Elders Big Book Stories Friday	Meditation at Peace	St Luke's Monday Nite AA Group
A New Day - Lakeville	Elders Big Book Thursday	Men at Peace	St Luke's Saturday Men's Group
A New Freedom - W. Suburban Alano	Elders Steps & Traditions Tuesday	Men at Work - Minnetonka	Step Sisters Monday P.M.
Amigo's Group (2)	Elders Topic Sunday 10 A.M.	Minnetonka Big Book Study Group	Steps Forward Group
Andover Alano Squad 10	Elk River Alano Squad 14	Minnetonka Senior AA	Suburban North Alano Squad 10
Andover Alano Squad 7	For Today Group (2)	Monday Night Men's	Suburban North Alano Squad 7
Back to Basics Women's at St Luke's	Foreword XIX Group	Monday Night Step Grp St Louis Park	Sunday Serenity Group
Basic Twelve	Foundation Stone Group of AA	Monthly Campfire Meeting - Ramsey	Sunlight of the Spirit Group
Basic Twelve & Twelve	Foxhall Chapter 7 Group	New Hope Alano Squad 12	Temple Wednesday AA Group
Belle Plaine AA Group	Fridley Alano Squad 19	Norwood Young America AA	TGIF Women's AA Group
Better than Gold	Gloria Dei AA	Oasis Group - Shakopee	The Becker Group
Beyond Jitters	Golden Valley II Group	Promises at Knox	Third Tradition Group of AA
Boiler Room Men's Group	Gopher AA Wednesday	Richfield Bloomington Alano Squad 4E	This Simple Program
Breakfast Club Saturday A.M.	Gratitude Group	Rich/Blmngtn Alano Sun Speaker Mtg	Three Legacies
Bridges - Shakopee (2)	Groveland Group	Ridge Runners II Group	Thursday Open Meeting Isanti Alano
Bryant Lake Group	Halfway There	Rule 62 AA	Tonka Alano Club Groups
By Grace Group - Mound	Happy Destiny	Sahara Tuesday Men's 8 P.M.	Tuesday Morning Discussion Byerly's
Cause for Hope AA	Happy, Joyous and Free - Shakopee	Sat Morning Fellowship - Brooklyn Pk	Turning Point Group - Wayzata
Cavalier Men's Thursday 8 P.M.	Happy, Joyous, Free - Columbia Heights	Saturday Morning Buffalo 12 X 12	Watertown AA Wednesday
Cliffhangers VI at St Ed's	It Might Have Been Worse	Saturday Morning Fever	Wayzata Sunday Night Step Group
Colfax AA Group Thursday Night	Ladies Night Happy Hour Sahara (2)	Saturday Morning Men's AA	Wayzata Women's Thursday Group
Dakota Alano Sunday 8 P.M.	Lake of the Isles Men's Tuesday P.M.	Saturday Night Live Group	Wayzata Women's Monday 10 A.M.
Design for Living - Coon Rapids	Lakers AA GROW Group	SDSG	We Think Not
Design for Living at HAUMC	Lakers Alano	Solid Ground Women's Meeting	West Suburban Alano Life is Good
Desire Meeting	Lakers Alano Serenity Sunday	Squad 26 Anoka Today Alano	Women's Blue Book
Dunn Sober AA Groups	Living Sober Group - Chanhassen	St Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group	You Are Not Alone

Every AA group that sends a contribution is sent a receipt along with a "Thank You" letter from the office. It is the responsibility of the group treasurer or trusted servant to share the receipt and "Thank You" letter with their respective group. Every AA group that sends a contribution will be listed in the MIRUS. Upon inquiry your AA group can request a contribution summary.

Group Contributions/Birthday Plan** January 2019

SLPSNAAG • Tradition Five (2) • Minnetonka Big Book Study • Foxhall Chapter 7

****On their sobriety birthday, many AA members contribute one dollar or more for each year of sobriety to any or all of our four service entities; District, Area Assembly, the General Service Office and the local Intergroup. Some members attribute their birthday contribution to their home group. Those groups receive a receipt and "Thank You" letter from the office and are listed in the MIRUS.**

Calendar of Events

Open Speaker Meetings

Thursday:

Central Pacific Group, 7:30 PM
Hennepin United Church, 511 Groveland Av., Minneapolis

Foxhall Chapter 7 Group, 7:30 PM
Wooddale Church, 6636 Shady Oak Rd., Eden Prairie
A sign language interpreter is provided each week.

Friday:

From the Heart Open Speaker Meeting, 7:00 PM
St. Paul's United Church, 201 Buffalo St., Delano

Edina Open Speaker Meeting, 7:30 PM
Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Blvd., Edina

Three Legacies, 7:30 PM
Cross of Glory Church, 4600 Shady Oak Rd., Hopkins
A sign language interpreter is provided each week.

Saturday:

There Is A Solution (Beginners Meeting), 6:00 PM
Dakota Alano Society, 3920 Rahn Rd., Eagan

Saturday Night Open Speaker Meeting, 7:30 PM
At The Common Table (parking in back of Bldg.)
2001 Riverside Ave., Minneapolis

Saturday Night Live Open Speaker Meeting, 7:30 PM
Basilica School 3rd floor (behind the church)
16th St. & Hennepin Ave., downtown Minneapolis
Free parking in the ramp across 16th St.
Wheelchair accessible

Tradition One, 7:30 PM
Pilgrim United Methodist, 4325 Zachary Ln., Plymouth

Saturday Night Greet & Meet, 7:30 PM
The Hall, 4805 Welcome Ave. N., Crystal

Saturday Night Open Speaker Meeting, 8:00 PM
2218 1st Ave. S., Minneapolis

Sunday:

Open Speaker Meeting, 11:00 AM
Richfield Bloomington Alano
9321 Bryant Ave. S., Bloomington

Step & Speaker Open Meeting, 7:00 PM
First Baptist Church, 1021 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis

Special Events

March 29th - 31st, 2019
MNYPAA Conference
Infinite Love & Power
Minneapolis Sheraton West
12201 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, MN.

April 13th, 2019
36th Annual Gratitude Night
Minneapolis Convention Center
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Program & Speakers at 7:30 p.m.

April 12th - 14th, 2019
Sunlight of the Spirit Weekend
Holiday Inn, 1201 Torgerson Drive
Fairmont, MN.
www.sotsweekend.org

General Service Announcements

March 1st - 3rd, 2019
West Central Regional Service Conference
Courtyard by Marriot
1080 28th Avenue South
Moorhead, MN.

April 6th, 2019
Delegate's Workshop / Area Assembly
Bethel Lutheran Church, 1321 North Avenue
Northfield, MN.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Most Area 36 events have a map on how to find the location @ www.area36.org. Open Speaker Meetings are listed for the convenience of members who wish to bring newcomers and non-alcoholic friends. Listing in the *Mirus* should not be construed as any endorsement on the part of Minneapolis Intergroup. Call Intergroup if you need directions to any of these Open Speaker Meetings. Roundups, Workshops and Special Events are not endorsed by Minneapolis Intergroup and listings are provided for informational purposes only. Flyers for these events are available at the office.



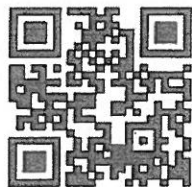
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Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

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Name _____
 Address _____
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 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____

② Amount & Frequency

Amount: \$ _____
 Frequency: (check only one)
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 Start On: ____ / ____ / ____

③ Choose a Payment Method

Option A: Automatic Payments

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☐ Checking / Savings* (attach voided check)
☐ Savings Account
☐ Checking Account

Routing Number: _____
 Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3
 Account Number: _____

Option B: Credit Card*

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover
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* I authorize Minneapolis Intergroup to automatically bill the account listed under "Option A," as specified. I understand that I may cancel this authorization by contacting Intergroup.

Signature _____ Date _____

Option B: Direct Payment

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Minneapolis Intergroup

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☐ Please mail receipt to my home/postal address

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 generous support!**

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 T & Th: 9:00am - 7:00pm
 Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm

HOTLINE NUMBER:

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MEETING INFORMATION:

www.aaminneapolis.org

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**become a
 Faithful Fiver**

"Every A.A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A.A. itself."

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*, p. 166
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What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who graciously contribute five dollars or more* each month to support Minneapolis Intergroup.

As a Faithful Fiver, you support efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope to still-suffering alcoholics in the Greater Minneapolis Area.

"When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*

* Contributions are limited to \$5,000 per member per year† and are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code §501 (c)(3).

†Page 9—Self-Support Pamphlet


Minneapolis Intergroup provides the following "Vital Services" to all A.A. groups and their members:


- ✓ **Answer Phones 24 Hours a Day**
- ✓ **Information & A.A. Meeting Location Calls**
- ✓ **A.A. 12-Step Calls**
- ✓ **A.A. Literature—English & Spanish**
- ✓ **A.A. Grapevine Publications**
- ✓ **A.A. Orientation Meeting**
- ✓ **A.A. Group Evening Phone Answering**
- ✓ **MIRUS Newsletter—the Shared Voice of IG**
- ✓ **Public Information/CPC Resource**
- ✓ **Intergroup Information Committee**
- ✓ **Intergroup Sponsored Events**
- ✓ **Meeting Directories**
- ✓ **Daytime Office Volunteers**
- ✓ **Night Owl/Early Bird Phone Committee**
- ✓ **Cooperation with Outside Agencies**
- ✓ **Web Site—Meetings Updated Weekly**
- ✓ **Special Event Information**

Your Faithful Fiver contributions go directly to supporting these services!

Faithful Fivers receive a subscription to Minneapolis Intergroup's monthly newsletter, the **MIRUS**.

Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

 Complete the form on the opposite side.

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Office Manager
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Bill W. wrote of Intergroup Offices, "Though not costly, these agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill."

"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet