

What "Vital Services" are provided by the Intergroup Office?

Intergroup provides the following "Vital Services" to all AA Groups and their members:

- Answer Phones 24 Hours a Day
- Information & AA Meeting location Calls
- AA 12-Step Calls
- AA Literature-English & Spanish
- AA Grapevine Publications
- The Tippler (newsletter)
- Intergroup Sponsored Events
- Meeting Directories
- Cooperation with Outside Agencies
- Web Site Meetings updated weekly
- Special Event Information

Individual and Group Participation will help us "Carry the Message"

The Intergroup Office depends upon the local members and groups for the necessary support to carry out its responsibilities. This support comes in the form of volunteer help and financial contributions. Our efficiency and the continuation of services offered are related to the level of support from the groups.

- Visit your Intergroup office– Drop in. Introduce yourself. Have a cup of coffee. Chat with the phone volunteers. This is the "heart line," that first contact for newcomers; the point of new beginnings and directions; the information center for people in the fellowship.
- Volunteer at Intergroup Office– help by answering telephones.
- 12 Step Volunteer-sign up to be available to call suffering alcoholics who desires to get sober.
- Communicate with the Intergroup Office-with your help, Intergroup maintain current information about meeting locations, times and special events throughout the Greater Memphis area.

Memphis Area Intergroup Association

Aiding groups in their purpose of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

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What is the Intergroup Office?

A central office (or Intergroup) is an AA service that involves partnership among groups in a community-just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office is established to carry out certain functions common to all groups-functions which are best handled by a centralized office-and it is usually maintained supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Each group is encouraged to elect a group representatives to attend the monthly meeting. There are many committees carrying the message throughout our community. The support from local AA groups and individuals help to make AA work. Your continued efforts and contributions are allowing miracles to happens!!!

Frequently Asked Questions About Memphis Area Intergroup Assn.

- Q. How is it operated?
- A. A small staff of "special workers" including an Office Manager/Secretary carry out daily office activities & facilitate 12 step work. There are 3 officers elected and 6 at-large members serving on the steering committee.
- Q. Does my group have a voice in the affairs?
- A. Yes, each AA Group should have an Intergroup Representative. They inform their home group about your Intergroup Office and the local service opportunities available.
- Q. My Home Group already has a GSR. Do we still need an Intergroup representative?
- A. Yes, the GSR serves their General Service District and General Service Area Assembly carrying their group's voice thru the annual General Service conference.
- Q. How can my A.A. Group be of service?
- A. You can start by seeing that your group has a voice at the monthly IG Reps meeting, helping your fellow members know about the many service opportunities that exist to "carry the message." Ensure that your group treasurer fulfills the group's primary purpose by contributing to M.A.I.A. on a regular basis. No matter how small, every contribution helps.

7th Tradition Financial

Contributions

"When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only 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 those who still suffer." Bill W., The Language of the Heart pg 221

The Seventh Tradition states, "Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." For support, our Intergroup office relies on the contributions of its groups and individual members so the work of carrying the message can continue. Groups contribute monthly to Intergroup Office while individual members may contribute up to \$2000.00 yearly through the high fiver plan, memoriam, and individually. Support of your group demonstrates gratitude for sobriety and a willingness to share with the alcoholic who still suffers.

MEMPHIS AREA INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

Office Hours:

M-W-F 8-4:00pm

Tues & Thurs 10-6:00pm

CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN : 1-2:00pm

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