



AA 7th Tradition In the Digital World

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What is the 7th Tradition & Why?

- ▶ Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- ▶ He who pays the piper calls the tune.

How we spend money at Area 48

- ▶ Officer and committee chair expenses
- ▶ Funded attendance at events
- ▶ Newsletters, literature, meeting schedules
- ▶ Website hosting, Airtable, Jotform
- ▶ And much more...

What are Online Contributions?

- ▶ Web-based systems for receiving funds from members.
- ▶ We're collecting money using the internet.

Online Contributions Platforms

- ▶ Tons of options including Venmo, PayPal and Stripe.



Digital Platforms: Pluses

- ▶ It's the obvious choice for online meetings.
- ▶ People are more generous when given digital options.

Digital Platforms: Minuses



- ▶ Groups need overhead like bank accounts and tax IDs.
- ▶ Lots of issues with privacy and security.

Challenges here at the area

- ▶ You need a trustworthy treasurer.
- ▶ Lots of options to pick from.
- ▶ Members aren't always comfortable with digital contributions.

How to address challenges

- ▶ Education at all levels is key.
- ▶ Great leadership is essential.
- ▶ Study the concepts and traditions.

What about banks?

- ▶ You need a Tax ID.
- ▶ Your personal taxes won't be affected.
- ▶ You need a treasurer who knows how to bank.

What about privacy and security?

- ▶ Groups need to evaluate options before picking a platform.
- ▶ Always opt for higher levels of security and privacy if you can.
- ▶ Avoid Venmo at all costs.

Why contribute during COVID?

- ▶ Your group may not have expenses anymore but districts, areas and GSO still do.
- ▶ Drunks are still out there and need our support.

How to carry the message?

- ▶ Access to in-person meetings is limited.
- ▶ Access to virtual meetings all over the entire globe is now in full swing and we need to mobilize.
- ▶ Learn to use the new tools we've been given.