

QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING USE OF LITERATURE PROFITS TO FUND SERVICES

Last year's General Service Conference passed Advisory Action # 7 requesting input from the Fellowship on two questions: 1. If we continue to use literature profits to partially fund services, should there be a limit to the amount (or percentage) of literature profit used? 2. If there is a limit, how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions?

As background, the Conference Finance Committee affirmed the General Service Board's policy of Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous: "The A.A. spiritual principle of self-support enables us to pursue our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholics with a shared sense of responsibility for our lifesaving work and without interference or financial dependence on outsiders. From our Fellowship's earliest days, the expenses of the General Service Office, and the world services provided by it, have exceeded the amount derived from contributions of A.A. groups and members. As a result, providing these needed services has necessarily been supported in part by income from the sale of A.A. literature. It is the policy of the General Service Board that income from literature sales should only be in amounts required to allow continued provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of a prudent reserve fund. We hope that the day will come when A.A. groups and members, through their contributions, will be able to fund fully the services provided by the General Service Office. If that is achieved, revenues from literature sales will only be needed in amounts necessary to cover the actual costs associated with literature production and to maintain a prudent reserve fund."

Each Group is requested to present its informed group conscience on these questions:

Question 1: Should there be a limit to the amount or percentage of literature profits used to fund services? _____

If so, what should it be? _____

Question 2. If we set a limit on use of literature funds, how do we fund services if there is a shortfall in group and/or individual contributions?

Additional Discussion (if any) _____

Optional Questions:

How many members does your group have? _____

Did your group contribute to GSO last year? _____ If so, how much? _____