

## **Suggested Donation Guidelines for Group Treasurers in the Southwest District**

*Revised November 12, 2021*

Tradition Seven: Every group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

The *2018-2021 Service Manual* states that “In keeping with Tradition Seven, a group’s membership is the source of its funds (p. 55).” This applies not only to individual groups, but also to the District, the Northern Virginia Service Center, the Area, and the World Service Organization (WSO). Each service arm depends on the groups it services for funding.

*In 2012 the average cost to service a group by the WSO was \$242, while the average donation was only \$111.*

“The spiritual principle of prudence suggests that groups avoid accumulating money beyond current needs and a small but ample reserve, with just enough funds to pay the GR expenses to Assembly and group expenses for a couple of months. (*2018-2021 Service Manual*, p.55 -56).”

The Southwest District, to which your group belongs, suggests that after your group has met its expenses and established an ample reserve, that excess funds be distributed to the service arms as follows:

40% to the World Service Office:

AFG, Inc.  
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617

25% to the Area:

Virginia Area Assembly  
P.O. Box 2583  
Midlothian, VA 23113

10% to the Northern Virginia Service Center:

ATTN: Treasurer  
Northern Virginia Service Center  
900 South Washington St, Suite G-16  
Falls Church, VA 22046

25% to the Southwest District:

Southwest District  
P.O. Box 607  
Pound, VA 24279

**REMINDER: PLEASE put the District Number (024) and your Group Number on every check:**

12756 - We Care Bristol AFG

30753308 - Damascus AFG

13760 - A New Hope Abingdon AFG