

Topic Four  
The New Financial Reality of Our Fellowship  
March 8, 2025

The theme of the 2025 General Service Conference is: “**Working Together, Increasing Trust**”.

Workshop topic: “**How do we address the new financial reality facing our spiritual movement?**”

Here are a few ideas to foster the discussion:

- COVID has affected us greatly from a personal point of view and from the standpoint of our association in Area 87.
- The number of members has decreased or has been stagnating since 2020 (Francophones in Area 87 have seen their numbers drop by almost 42%).
- Operating costs continue to rise.
- Each General Services entity is self-financing thanks to the voluntary contributions of members.
- Are we well informed about the impact of every contribution to the Seventh Tradition? No matter how small or large?
- How effective is the transmission of the AA message by all our members?
- Are our contributions put to good use in achieving our primary purpose? To carry the A.A. message to whoever needs it, wherever he or she may be.
- And what about the Responsibility Pledge ? “**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.**“

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