



THE MESSENGER

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Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

"We are there to sweep off our side of the street..." Alcoholics Anonymous p. 77

Tradition 9: A.A. as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept IX: Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

WHAT/WHO IS JACKSON COUNTY INTERGROUP????

I have been Intergroup Chair for Jackson County since last November, and am still learning what my service position means. My experience with "Intergroup" meant an office with literature, AA tokens and more, a full-time worker, and the place to find out information about meetings, events, and connections.

The A.A. Guidelines for Central or Intergroup Offices spell out their suggestions.

The first Intergroup in Jackson was in the 60's to 70's but folded. Last meeting, I learned that about 30 years ago the next Intergroup wrote a mission statement and for many years the group was quite active. We have lost service members for perhaps a variety of reasons, which are less important than finding a way to bring back the members we lost, and new ones, to bring the sense of fellowship back to our town and outlying groups.

Jackson County Intergroup meets the 1st Saturday of the month at Al Cameron at 1:30. We voted at our August meeting to hold a group conscience at our Intergroup meeting (it will be on Nov 4th) to revisit the original mission statement and rework it to be current now. Tom R. and I are in the process of locating some of the historical records.

PLEASE, if you have been a part of Jackson Intergroup before, or wish to be, bring yourself and your service ideas. I hope you will join us and bring your energy to our Fellowship. *Moir* moira.detroit@gmail.com or 248-602-6291

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.

Spotlight on history

The prayer came to the attention of an early member of A.A. in 1940. He read it in an obituary in the New York Herald Tribune. He liked it so much he brought it to G.S.O., then on Vesey Street, for Bill W. to read. When Bill and the staff read the little prayer they felt that it particularly suited the needs of A.A. Cards were printed and passed around. Thus has this simple little prayer become a part of the A.A. literature. " (From the July, 1961 A.A. Exchange Bulletin)

Found on aa.org

AA Grapevine's Podcast

The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour

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