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Dear A.A. Friends,

November is thought of by many A.A.s as “Gratitude Month.” It is a time when A.A. groups often choose to make special contributions to their local service offices or committees and to G.S.O. We do this because it is a very direct and spiritual way to participate in Twelfth Step work. Many of us also feel more a part of A.A. and a sense of fulfillment of one of our deep spiritual needs, the desire to belong.

Money and spirituality really do mix! A very simple story from our A.A. history illustrates this clearly:

In the book *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, Bill writes: “Let’s begin with my own sponsor, Ebby. When Ebby heard how serious my drinking was, he resolved to visit me. He was in New York; I was in Brooklyn. His resolve was not enough; he had to take action and he had to spend money. He called me on the phone and then got into the subway; total cost, ten cents. At the level of the telephone booth and subway turnstile, spirituality and money began to mix. One without the other would have amounted to nothing at all. Right then and there, Ebby established the principle that A.A. in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money.”

The General Service Office coordinates many services that help groups and members fulfill their purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Although there are many examples of these services, of particular mention is the recent development of software to better carry out our Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.). This software allows the office to connect fellow members behind the walls with members on the outside much more quickly and efficiently and with reporting results which ensure that no one is missed! Your Seventh Tradition sacrifices made this possible. Similar to Ebby’s experience carrying the message to Bill, money and spirituality – and now technology – mix with the services provided from G.S.O.

With gratitude for all the sacrifices you make for A.A.,



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