

Al-Anon Family Groups Area 9 – Florida North

Talk to Each Other, Reason Things Out, Keep it Simple

Area 9 Quarterly Appeal Letter
To Individual Members in your Group

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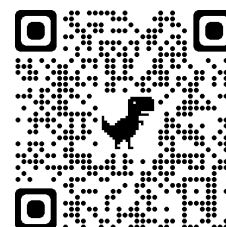
Dear Members of Area 9,

One aspect of Al-Anon that I appreciate more and more each year is how the spiritual principles I've studied apply to every aspect of my life. I'm writing this letter on the eve of our October 2021 Area Assembly and my first Budget Presentation as the Panel 61 Treasurer. While I was reviewing the budgets and notes passed on from our previous Area Treasurers, I considered some of the spiritual principles that apply to our Area's finances.

Of course, the spiritual principle of prudence applies. Discussing finances in Al-Anon without referencing Warranty 1, "that only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle," would be like starting a Meeting without reciting the Serenity Prayer. The prudence of our Area's past trusted servants created and maintained the firm financial footing we enjoy today. While we dream big and have ambitious goals in Area 9, we also are prudent about saving funds for unforeseen challenges and using our contributions to best benefit Al-Anon as a whole.

The spiritual principle I come back to most frequently when working on Area 9's finances is faith. Tradition Two says "For our group purpose there is but one authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants—they do not govern." I have faith that our higher power will guide us and ensure we have the resources we need to support all our Area's activities, whatever we dream up next.

When your Group and District Representatives share what we discussed at our Assembly, I hope you'll agree that we're making the best use of your contributions and this appeal will encourage you to make an individual contribution. For more information, visit our Area website at www.afgarea9.org. Contributions can be submitted by mail to the address below, online by scanning the QR Code to the right with a smartphone, or by visiting www.afgarea9.org/contributions.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Faulkner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Faulkner
Treasurer
AFG Area 9 Panel 61

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