

Notes for Ample Reserve Presentation

Why are we here? We are working toward a conclusion. Possible next steps include:

1. We don't need to do anything.
2. We need to establish a number for an Ample Reserve.
3. We need more information or more time.
4. We need to establish an Ample Reserve amount and decide what to do with the excess (assuming there is an excess)

Warranty One: the stated purposes for a reserve fund are:

1. To assure the continuation of essential services in the event of a substantial decline in income,
2. To cover the cost of special projects which could not be financed from normal sources of income.

Spiritual Principles found in the Legacies (Steps, Traditions, Concepts, Warranties) which will guide us in this discussion and decision:

Generosity	Hopefulness	Willingness	Commitment	Well-Intentioned
Faith	Creativity	Self-Supporting	Open-Mindedness	Responsibility
Trust	Informed	Transparent	Realistic	Abundance

Essential services fulfill **Al-Anon's primary purpose:** to help families and friends of alcoholics and preserving our Links of Service.

The purpose of the Ample Reserve is to get us through the downturns. Some considerations posed by previous Assembly members:

1. Would groups and members just stop contributing?
2. Would it be sudden or gradual?
3. Is the money beyond our Reserve fulfilling our primary purpose?
4. How much does fear play a part?

If we keep in mind the following ideas put forth by previous Assembly members:

1. Money is a tool to be used, not to be stored
2. Our members are generous if they understand the purpose
3. Our purpose of helping families and friends of alcoholics is sound and uppermost in our collective mind
4. Our faith is strong – we believe in a loving Higher Power that is present in our deliberations
5. Step Twelve reminds us to practice these principles in all our affairs, not just the easy ones.

...then we will arrive at good decision that can be supported by all!