**MWI Intergroup Announcements – January 2025**

**1. Treasurer’s Update**

* Donations are declining, and we need your support to fund our core services.
* **Reminder**: Please consider donating to MWI! Use the QR code displayed at your meeting or visit the MWI website to contribute.
* Meeting leaders: Please include donation reminders in your scripts to encourage participation.

**2. Website and Social Media**

* Website metrics are available! If you’d like to see them, contact Nancy GP.
* Follow MWI on Instagram and Facebook to stay connected and support our social media efforts.   
  Instagram @oametrowest  
  Facebook @oametrowest/

**3. Sponsor Bank**

* **Volunteer Needed!** We’re seeking someone to manage the Sponsor Bank, an important service for newcomers. If you’re interested, please contact Intergroup.
* We’re exploring new features for the Sponsor Bank, such as adding sponsorship types (e.g., First 12 Days sponsors) and an online database.

**4. Upcoming Workshops**

* We’re working on planning workshops for 2025. Suggestions for workshop titles and descriptions are welcome!
* Want to help? Contact Chloe

**5. Upcoming Retreat**

* Save the date: **June 6th-8th, 2025** at the LaSalette Retreat Center.
* Volunteers are needed to help with planning, registration, and onsite logistics.

**6. MailChimp Newsletter**

* **Exciting News!** Steve M. has volunteered to restart the MWI newsletter. Thank you, Steve!

**7. Zoom Meeting Best Practices**

* We’re forming a "Zoom Revitalization" working group to enhance engagement and support struggling meetings. Ideas include:
  + Creating a WhatsApp group for meeting reminders.
  + Developing best practices for online meetings.
  + Interested in joining? Let us know!

**7th Tradition Donations**

Please post this information and QR code in your Zoom meeting chat when announcing 7th tradition.

**“Doesn’t intergroup pay for the Zoom room?”**

It’s true that virtual meetings mean fewer room rents, but OA still has essential expenses — many of which are invisible, yet vital. Without 7th Tradition contributions, the work of OA simply can’t be done.

**Here’s what your 7th Tradition supports:**

* Zoom rooms (MWI maintains three, for overlapping meetings).
* Websites that help newcomers find us — built, hosted, and maintained.
* Google Ads and real-time support for those seeking help.
* Public outreach campaigns to health professionals and the community.
* Delegates aid and scholarships for OA’s business assemblies.
* Translation of OA literature into more than 2 dozen languages to reach non-English speakers who are the biggest factor in OA growth.
* Professional staff at World Service who keep OA running.
* Region and World Service conventions, where vital business gets done.

In face-to-face meetings, a full basket was visible. Now, with virtual meetings, it’s easy to forget — and contributions have dropped.

**We are self-supporting, and *you* are part of “we.” Without your support, OA cannot exist** This QR code will take you directly to the donation page on the MWI website:

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**Final Note**

Meetings are encouraged to share these announcements with attendees to keep everyone informed and engaged. Thank you for your service!