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## Honoring the Seventh Tradition...

While some customs may change, our Traditions remain the same. The Finance Advisory Committee recently presented a segment on its first Town Hall called *Honoring the Seventh Tradition in an Increasingly Cashless Society*. That workgroup has explored how the Fellowship of CMA could continue to be self-supporting as our rents increase, contributions decrease, and fewer of us have cash on hand.

Each group, District, Area, or other service structure entity (group, for short) is autonomous and will determine the solutions that work best for it. Please review these guidelines with each other in your business meetings. The General Service Committee and Board of Directors will continue to provide updated guidance and support as new information on this topic becomes available.

**If your group doesn't want a bank account** and wants to accept Seventh Tradition contributions electronically then it may choose to entrust the handling of this to its treasurer. This setup allows the use of a personal bank account, tied to a digital payment system. The treasurer collects contributions electronically and reports to the group regarding this and other financial matters, just like always. It may be important to revise the group conscience that lays out the responsibilities and duties of the treasurer, especially in light of the digital payment system's privacy settings and reporting functions.

**If your group already has a bank account** and wants to begin accepting electronic Seventh Tradition contributions, it is simply a matter of deciding which platform(s) to use. Each has pros/cons that should be discussed and decided upon via group conscience. Consider the fees, security settings, reporting functions, responsibilities and accountability. With any new online tool, special attention should be given to anonymity via control of privacy settings.

**If your group wants to open a new bank account** in order to accept electronic Seventh Tradition contributions, it may consider organizing itself under state and federal law in order to create one. This is a big step. It will take time and will come with financial costs. Additionally, this decision creates a public-facing entity in order to interact with the legal and financial systems. That will require trusted servants to provide their personal information, sign forms, and be visible. We strongly recommend your group discuss this thoroughly, including the implications for intellectual property and invite a member of the Board to answer questions.

One last note before you begin reviewing these guidelines with your group: we often get sensitive around financial matters. Let's be curious, open-minded, gentle, supportive, and honest as we work through this new territory together. This can be a great growing opportunity for us as members of CMA and for our groups - but only if we place principles before personalities. Should you have any questions, please contact the [General Services Treasurer](#).

