

THE WHO, WHY, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE OF INTERGROUP SERVICE

WHO belongs to Intergroup?

Meetings in a geographical area send representatives and financial support to form an “intergroup” meeting that provides services that no one meeting could provide by itself.

WHY do meetings find an Intergroup meeting beneficial?

The focus of a “regular” OA meeting is on personal recovery, sharing, and OA literature or speakers. Meetings are not a time to plan or finance workshops, retreats, public outreach, or sending representatives to region or world meetings. By connecting to the intergroup via the intergroup representative each meeting remains true to its focus on personal recovery but also participates in a wider OA outreach.

WHAT service work does the Intergroup do?

Intergroup work falls into three ever widening circles.

1. Work that keeps the intergroup organized and functioning as it observes guidelines, assesses needs, sets goals, and recruits people from intergroup and its area meetings to plan and carry out activities.
2. Work that supports the recovery of current OA members through retreats, workshops, special occasions such as Unity Day and Thanksgiving, and communications.
3. Public outreach work to carry the message to those who still suffer.

WHEN & WHERE does Intergroup do this work?

Intergroup meets once a month on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. In July 2020 Louisville Metro Intergroup voted to meet by Zoom on a regular basis.

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Intergroup officers and committee chairs meet as needed to prepare for the 3rd Monday meeting.

The Communications Committee of Intergroup works throughout the year to keep the OA community updated through email blasts and website updates.

Every September Intergroup develops an illustrated calendar of tasks and events to carry out in the coming calendar year. Throughout the year, intergroup representatives and officers and members from the meetings work together to fulfill the commitments on this calendar.