Twelve Traditions

1. **Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.**
2. **For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants. They do not govern.**
3. **The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.**
4. **Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.**
5. **Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.**
6. **An A.A. Group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**
7. **Each A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**
8. **Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.**
9. **A.A., as such, out never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**
10. **Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hense the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.**
11. **Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity oat the level of press, radio and films.**
12. **Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.**