



# WABASH VALLEY INTERGROUP

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## Newsletter

**Step Three** – Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

**Tradition Three** – The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19, 2011  
**Presentation/Discussion  
Declaration of Unity**  
Southside Church of Christ  
Terre Haute IN

April 09, 2011  
**WCIMC**  
Hendricks Co Fairgrounds  
Danville IN  
**Celebrating 25 years!**

April 24, 2011  
**WVG Carry-in Dinner**  
St Stephens Church  
Terre Haute IN

May 06-08, 2011  
**Unity Days**  
Shakamak State Park  
Jasonville IN

**Saturday March 19, 2011**  
**Presentation/Discussion  
Declaration of Unity**  
(Brought to you by Area 23 Intergroup  
Liaison Committee)  
**Southside Church of Christ**  
**4117 S 7<sup>th</sup> St Terre Haute IN**  
**10am – 3pm**

- Cooperating with the Professional Community
- Corrections
- Guest speaker, Jay from Cincinnati Intergroup
- Lots of opportunity for Q&A

Get your AA buddies, meet alcoholics from all over southern Indiana and get your questions answered...like, who does what in AA?

**6 Presenters on Unity subjects including:**

- Area-Intergroup Cooperation

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### SOBRIETY ANNIVERSARIES FEBRUARY 2011

**John B – 30 years**  
**Linda M – 20 years**  
**Tom M – 20 years**  
**Dennis L – 18 years**  
**Naomi M – 16 years**  
**David S – 4 years**  
**Laura L – 3 years**

**Tom Mc – 2 years**  
**Steve W – 2 years**  
**Sue F – 30 years (omitted in January)**  
**Gene S – 6 years (correction to January)**  
If you would like to see your sobriety anniversary printed here, email to: [contact@terrehauteaa.com](mailto:contact@terrehauteaa.com) or give to your intergroup rep.

**From Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Pages 34 and 35:**

Step Three: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Practicing Step Three is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key and the decision to swing the door open. There is only one key, and it is called willingness. Once unlocked by willingness, the door opens almost of itself, and looking through it, we shall see a pathway beside which is an inscription. It reads: "This is the way to a faith that works." In the first two steps we were engaged in reflection. We saw that we were powerless over alcohol, but we also perceived that faith of some kind, if only in A.A. itself is possible to anyone. These conclusions did not require action; they required only acceptance.

Like all the remaining Steps, Step Three calls for affirmative action, for it is only by action that we can cut away the self-will which has always blocked the entry of God—or, if you like, a Higher Power—into our lives. Faith, to be sure, is necessary, but faith alone can avail nothing. We can have faith, yet keep God out of our lives. Therefore our problem now becomes just how and by what specific means shall we be able to let Him in? Step Three represents our first attempt to do this. In fact, the effectiveness of the whole A.A. program will rest upon how well and earnestly we have tried to come to "a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understand Him.*"

To every worldly and practical-minded beginner, this Step looks hard, even impossible. No matter how much one wishes to try, exactly how *can* he turn his own will and his own life over to the care of whatever God he thinks there is? Fortunately, we who have tried it, and with equal misgivings, can testify that anyone, anyone at all, can begin to do it. We can further add that a beginning, even the smallest, is all that is needed. Once we have placed the key of willingness in the lock and have the door ever so slightly open, we find that we can always open it some more. Though self-will may slam it shut again, as it frequently does, it will always respond the moment we again pick up the key of willingness.

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To Correctional Facility Literature:

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- SHITS = \$6.00
- HIT = \$20.00
- Grapevine = \$19.35
- Sunday Morning Trust = \$10.74
- 12 & 12 Group = \$47.35
- Unmarked Bag = \$20.16
- Unmarked Bag = \$34.90

There was no Treasurer's Report in February. April's Newsletter will contain contributions to Intergroup for January and February and the minutes of our March meeting. Please bear with us as we change officers.

***Help Wanted!***

*Men volunteers to take meetings into the Federal Penitentiary in Terre Haute. One year sobriety, background check and orientation required. Next orientation date is March 07.*

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