

Input Requested for D.A. Voices from the Black Community

At the 2019 World Service Conference in Los Angeles, the Convocation passed a motion to approve the concept of developing a pamphlet entitled D.A. Voices from the Black Community. Its mission statement is to: “Give voice to the voiceless by bringing the message of D.A. to the black debtor who still suffers.”

The World Service Conference Literature Committee is entrusted with developing literature addressing black debtors’ unique financial problems and has formed a subcommittee for that purpose. Black debtors’ experiences of incurring unsecured debt can be very different from other members. As an example, black debtors in the U.S. might be precluded from mainstream credit lines and may be limited to using other, less favorable, forms of credit. It has been observed that black debtors arrive at D.A. but may not stay. This could be because they do not identify with what they hear at meetings.

We need to hear the experience of black debtors to develop our work and for D.A. to be more inclusive as a Fellowship. We warmly encourage contributions from black D.A. members. Please pass this request along to all groups, particularly to black members. Contributors are encouraged to write or send recorded shares (e.g. mp3 file recorded on your smartphone or computer) to wsc.litcom@debtorsanonymous.org. Please complete a signed Assignment of Rights form for each submission, which can be found on the D.A. website under “Legal Forms & Documents” or at www.debtorsanonymous.org/release

Yours in service,

D.A. Voices from the Black Community Subcommittee