**Welcome to Debt-Anon’s first Fellowship day in participation with Debtor’s Anonymous’ World Service Conference. We are honored to take part in this historic occasion.**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am your leader for this workshop, [[“*Insert Workshop Name*”]].

1. **Serenity Prayer**
Will all who care to, please join me in the Serenity Prayer.

(All):
*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

1. Debt-Anon is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problems and help others to recover from the effects of compulsive debting/spending. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of compulsive debting/spending in a relative or friend. There are no dues or fees for Debt-Anon membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Debt-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to recover from the effects upon us of another person's compulsive debting/spending, and to help families and friends of compulsive debtors/spenders.
We hope that in this fellowship you will find the help and friendship that we have been privileged to enjoy. We would like you to feel that we understand as perhaps few can. We too were lonely and frustrated; but here we have found that there is no situation too difficult to be bettered, and no unhappiness too great to be lessened.
2. Please turn off or place in silent mode all mobile devices including cell phones and please refrain from using them for non-Debt-Anon related activities. This helps maintain the serenity and focus of Fellowship Day meeting participants. If you have an urgent matter that cannot wait, please quietly step out of the room to handle it and close the door after you leave. [***Moderator or Speaker can re-read this statement any time during the meeting as a reminder to meeting participants***.]
3. ***[Natalie requests that the Fellowship’s Group Conscience vote to adopt the scent-free language to the script and suggests adding it here:***

***Scent-free Meeting***

*This is a scent free meeting. Please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, or other scented products as there may be people who have allergies or respiratory ailments present. If you are currently wearing scented products, please considering removing them on a break between sessions.*

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*For your personal safety, if an emergency should occur, your 2 closest emergency exits are..." (Moderator or Speaker to point to the 2 closest exits leading to stairs or if on ground floor, ground floor exits.)*

1. ***WORKSHOP Leader share*** *(10-15 minutes? Or is the main structure up to each workshop leader? If we have moderators, the moderator will introduce the workshop leader/speaker at this time)*
2. Sharing on topic or other workshop activities (Note: will we need a timer for each meeting?)
3. At XX:45 (morning sessions) or XX:15 (afternoon sessions), call the meeting to a close and end with “Our next session starts at [[Insert time]”].
4. Please help me close the meeting with the Serenity Prayer:

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**Other possible options:**
***If the leader chooses, they can share either of the following readings when there are 5 minutes left for the workshop*** (XX:40 a.m. ; xx:10 p.m. – or they can continue to have open sharing.)

We urge you to try our program. Without spiritual help, living with or having lived with a compulsive debtor is too much for most of us. We become nervous, irritable, and unreasonable; our thinking becomes confused, and our perspective becomes distorted. Rarely have we seen a person who was not greatly benefited by working the Debt-Anon program. The Twelve Steps of Debt-Anon, which we try to follow, are not easy. At first we may think that some of them are unnecessary, but if we are honest, open-minded and willing to apply the principles of the Twelve Steps to our lives, we find that the benefits can be limitless, including God's gift of serenity.

*Or*:

Gifts of the Debt-Anon Program

When we approach the process of recovery with honesty, open-mindedness and willingness to apply the principles of the Twelve Steps to our lives, we will soon begin to see the rewards. We will become able to surrender our self-defeating behavior. We will find that we have the strength and insight to make good choices for ourselves. Our ability to act positively on behalf of our health, families, jobs and bank accounts will amaze us. We will find that others are doing things for themselves which we thought we had to do for them. Our ability to love and receive love will expand tremendously, and we will become increasingly available for loving relationships with others. We will recover the feeling of joy. We will become more honest with ourselves and experience a new comfort in our intimate relationships. We will feel the security that arises from true fellowship with others in the program, knowing that we are loved and accepted just as we are. Feelings of failure and inadequacy will be replaced by self-confidence and independence of spirit. We will no longer expect other people to provide us with an identity or a sense of self-worth. We will find the courage to be true to ourselves. We will know peace of mind and feel a stronger connection with the Higher Power of our understanding, and our Hope will turn to faith that God is really working in our lives, as we explore the wonders of serenity, dignity, and emotional growth.