

TRADITION 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.”

EXPERPT FROM APPENDIX II, THE BIG BOOK OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:
“...our members find that they have tapped an unsuspected inner resource which they presently identify with their own conception of a Power greater than themselves.”

Just as individuals continue to take a personal inventory in Step 10, a healthy group occasionally conducts a group conscience meeting. The following is a list of questions the group members may want to discuss to examine the state of their group/meetings.

1. Do we concentrate sufficiently on the program's ideas, purposes, and results?
Do we know what they are?
2. Do we encourage everyone to take part in the discussion?
3. Do we want to use Conference-approved literature?
4. Do we make good use of our literature, books and the Grapevine for themes and subjects of meetings?
5. Do we stick to the subject of the meeting without wandering off on personal tangents?
6. Do we discuss other people and their shortcomings?
7. Are we forming into cliques and being indifferent to other group members?
8. Do we give newcomers sufficient individual briefing? Do we offer a First Step meeting?
9. Does every newcomer to our group have a sponsor? How effective is our sponsorship?
10. Do we try to make the fellowship known to people outside who need its help?
Do we participate in 12th step calls?
11. Do we make it a point to welcome members and talk with them?
12. Do we listen (without interrupting) speakers, group leaders and members?
13. Do we encourage regular rotation of our service leaders?
14. Does responsibility for clean-up fall on all members or just a few?
15. Do we know the need and value of kitchen and housekeeping work and other services to the group?
16. Do new members stick with us, or does turnover seem excessive?
17. Are we guided by the Steps, Traditions and Concepts of the A.A. fellowship?