

## RED LIGHT/GREEN LIGHT

Babies in meetings; Pets in meetings; The Lord's Prayer

1. Traditions and Concepts are the guiding principles for Group Inventories and a Group Conscience.
2. A Group Inventory should be taken periodically to discuss address concerns before the group;s unity is disrupted. CAL, G-8a & 8b, *Taking a Group Inventory* is useful.
3. All three of these topics should be handled in a group conscience. Announcing the date, time and topic of the Group Conscience at two or three meetings ahead of time is helpful to encourage members to attend. Group Conscience meeting are the proper place for discussion and voting. Members of a group can work together to preserve the meeting's atmosphere of recovery.
4. Baby Sitters. Service Manual, Page 99. Using group funds or taking a special collection to pay for a baby-sitter for members who must bring children, is within a group's autonomy. This does not biolate Traditions since avoiding disruption of meetings benefits the group as a whole.
5. Could find nothing directly referencing "pets" in meetings. My common sense tells me that Service Animals only

should be allowed as their presence allows the member to attend the meeting and that benefits the group as a whole.

6. The Lord's Prayer. Again it is up to the group to decide what prayers are used/said in their meeting through a group conscience.
7. Service Manual, page 10. The Serenity Prayer is the suggested opening for a meeting. Since the first word of the Serenity Prayer is 'GOD' I think? This makes way for any prayer approved by the group through a group conscience including The Lord's Prayer.
8. Tradition Four; Each Group Should Be Autonomous, expect in matters affection another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole.
9. Tradition Five; Each Al-Anon Family Group Has But One Purpose; *to help families of alcoholics*. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps of AA OURSELVES, by encouraging and understanding our alcoholic relatives and *by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics*.