

Proposed Tradition 3 Group Inventory 2026

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Format:

12 questions based on the 12 Traditions

Committee members will ensure questions are circulated to all meetings at Trad 3.

A group meeting, chaired by an AA member from an outside group will moderate results.

Hopefully, at least one member from each meeting will be present to report back to the group conscience meeting.

Goal:

Identify problems in attracting participation in Group Conscience and filling service roles.

Is T3 a unified AA group?

Procedure:

Committee members will ensure questions are circulated to all meetings at T3.

An inventory of the returned questionnaires will be moderated by an AA member from an outside AA Group.

Each meeting will be given time for input at the end of the meeting.

The meeting will be 90 minutes. 45 minutes for question review. 45 minutes for question input.

Sample questions based on The 12 Traditions

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA Unity.

“The Twelve Traditions which guarantee AA.’s unity contain not a single “Don’t”. They repeatedly say “We ought.....” but never “You must!” 12 Steps and 12 traditions pg129.

Is Trad 3 unified?

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.

“The group now has so-called rotating committee, very sharply limited in its authority. In no sense whatsoever can its members govern or direct the group.” 12 and 12 pg 134.

Do we call our service chairs with problems or questions?

Do you know who they are or how to identify and contact them?

3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

“So you’re an A.A. Member the minute you declare yourself.” 12 and 12 pg. 139

Do we welcome anyone who comes to A.A.?

Does Tradition 3 stand by the only requirement for membership?

4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

“A group ought not do anything which would greatly injure A.A. as a whole, nor ought it affiliate itself with anything or anybody else.” 12 and 12 pg. 147

How does T3 unite its 13 meetings?

How does T3 welcome and include all who have the desire to stop drinking?

5. Each group has but one primary purpose -to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

“It is the great paradox of A.A. that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away.” 12 and 12 pg. 151

How is T3 reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic?

What could we do better?

6. An A.A. Group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

“...we could not lend the A.A. name to any cause other than our own.”
12 and 12 pg. 159.

Are T3 members clear in communicating we are an A.A. group on the T3 Bulletin Board and T3 website?

7. Every A.A. Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

“Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation's financial policy.” 12 and 12 pg. 165.

Does T3 support GSO adequately?

Why can't T3 fund our prudent reserve?

8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

“A.A. has to function, but at the same time it must avoid those dangers of great wealth, prestige, and entrenched power which necessarily tempt other societies.” 12 and 12 pg 175.

Do you support your Group Conscience elected service chairs?

Do you know who they are and how to contact them?

Do you feel supported and heard by your service chairs?

How are we unconditionally welcoming to newcomers?

9. A.A. as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

“...the aim of our services is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it” 12 and 12 pg. 175

Is our group conscience welcoming to T3 members?

Has your experience been positive with Group Conscience?

10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues: hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

“We do not enter into public controversy, because we know that our Society will perish if it does.” 12 and 12 pg 177

Is T3 safe from controversies of medicine, religion and politics?

11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and film.

“This Tradition is a constant reminder that personal ambition has no place in A.A.” 12 and 12 pg.183

Do we post A.A. event pictures on social media (Facebook, instagram or other sites)?

12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

“These experiences taught us that anonymity is real humility at work.”

12 and 12 pg 187

Are we careful to protect the anonymity of others?

Do we safeguard our own anonymity?