

JFTV Group Conscience Notes

JFTV held a Group Conscience meeting on 12/20/25. The meeting began at 8:15 am and ended at 10:25 am. There were 13 people in attendance.

Todd A., Acting Group Secretary, chaired the meeting.

Erica M., from Area 30 Service Seminar, facilitated the discussion.

The goal of the Group Conscience meeting was to discuss issues and concerns that were raised during the two recent Group Inventory meetings that were held in October and November.

Notes from the recent Group Inventory were provided at the start of the Group Conscience meeting.

In order to best organize our work, Erica summarized our prior discussion around three dominant subjects:

A. Supporting Newcomers at meetings

1. During the meeting (script, attention)
2. After the meeting (reaching out)

B. Attendance at meetings

1. service related
2. complexity of meeting process

C. Service

1. Not filling current positions (too many?)
2. Emphasis/pressure about service
3. Unsolicited feedback about service performance; criticism/critiques
4. Abusive language & harassments

Discussion Highlights and Motions:

I. Supporting Newcomers:

1. Should we modify the script to make it less complicated and shorter?
2. Should we open the one-on-one Chat earlier in the meeting?

Motion: Request the 7:00 Steering Committee to meet and review the script (in order to make it shorter and less complicated) for the purpose of being more supportive of the Newcomer.
Motion was passed by a substantial majority.

Motion: Request the 6:00 Steering Committee to take the same action as the previous motion.
Motion was passed by a substantial majority.

II. Service Positions:

1. Should we change the time obligation for VMH sign-up? For example, could it be one day per week for a month?
2. We should note the distinctions (and urgency to fill) between service positions for the daily meetings and service positions for the Group.
3. We should discuss Group business at Business Meetings, not so much at daily meetings.

Motion: Change frequency of Business Meetings to monthly (vs Quarterly), on the last Saturday of each month.

Motion was passed by a substantial majority.

4. What do we expect of our “trusted servants” in Group service...and how do we communicate those expectations?
5. Are we giving GSR’s too much feedback and too many suggestions? Unsolicited feedback can be viewed as criticism.
6. Reminder: A person who has been voted in to a service position can be voted out. There is a process for that.
7. We should make new Group service volunteers aware of the role and availability of Service Sponsorship.
8. We should remind Daily meeting Chairs to begin on time and end on time.

Motion: Our Group Secretary should include a reading from the AA pamphlet “The AA Group” in the Business Meeting agenda.

Motion was passed by a substantial majority.

III. Criticism and Critiques of Service performance

There is a distinction between “intent” and “impact” of suggestions and advice. Intentions may be good, but impact from communication might be harmful, or counterproductive.

1. Ask if the potential recipient does, in fact, want to receive advice and/or feedback.
2. We should have trust in our trusted servants.
3. We should give those new in a service position “room to grow”.

At the end of the meeting, participants were asked whether they wished to have a second Group Conscience session, facilitated by Erica. Most participants stated that another meeting might be useful but would hold off on such a request for the time being. The participants were eager to follow up on the Motions from today's meeting....at:

- a) the next 7:00am Steering Committee, which Jerry B. offered to schedule soon, and
- b) the next Business Meeting, which is scheduled for January 3, 2026, at 8:15.