

GROUND RULES FOR GROUP DISCERNMENT

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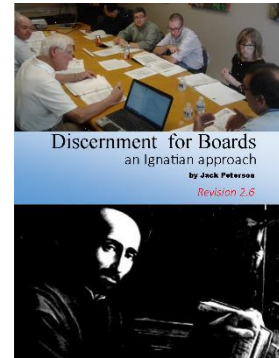
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The following are suggested Ground Rules for group deliberation which will support the discernment process. As its work begins, the group should review and adapt these to their own needs and circumstances. It will be helpful to review these periodically at meetings. They can also be adapted into group meditations.

1. All are willing to listen deeply to themselves, to others and to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit present in the group as a whole.
2. All will trust that others are speaking with good intentions and bringing information and perspectives important to the issue.
3. All are willing to share their perspective even if it seems different than the prevailing opinion.
4. All will seek, not to win arguments or pursue their individual interests, but to have the interior freedom to recognize and desire God's will.