



## Group Decision Tip

*E-mailed every two weeks to help groups make good decisions*

### Contain disagreement

**In principle**, when I disagree with someone's particular idea or action it doesn't mean I have to disagree with them about everything. Using disagreement from one battle as ammunition for another battle works well if you want to perpetuate fighting. If you want to perpetuate peace, it works well to contain disagreement to the particular issue at hand. Peacemakers know how to respectfully disagree about one thing and at the same time work well together on another thing.

**Practical Tip:** Enter every discussion as a new discussion with a positive outlook and an open mind about your fellows, regardless of past or present disagreements you may have with them on other issues. Don't hold grudges, seek revenge, or use a person's stance on one issue as a weapon against them on another issue.

Just because I think your idea is wrong or your behavior is inappropriate doesn't mean I think you are a bad person; it just means that I disagree with that particular idea or behavior, that's all. I am always willing to work with you, with an open mind and a positive attitude, to make the best decisions for our group.

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