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Group Shepherd

The Feeling Behind the Opportunity

- As Group Shepherd, you are one of the most important officers in the IPM Program leadership structure, because you are most directly involved with the individuals who are searching.
- You are the Communicator, the group's link to all the opportunities they will become involved in as they move through the discovery process.
- You are the one who watches them unfold a better understanding of their lives. You make sure that everyone has the opportunity to grow in a positive working environment.
- By staying alert to the group's needs, you will be able to help the area officers organize programs to meet those needs.

The Mechanics of the Opportunity

- For the *New Spiritual Horizons* or *Foundations of Spiritual Development* group, your opportunity begins with your group during the "Exploring Inner Dynamics" program when the time, place and date of the first group meeting is arranged.

At that time you will receive a listing of everyone in the group, including address and telephone number. (It is important that you handle this as privileged information for your use only in communicating).

- For a *Dimensions of My Past, Present and Future* group, or *Exploring the Wisdom of My Universe* group, your opportunity begins as soon as a group is formed.
- For any of the four groups it is helpful to call each member individually during the week before the first meeting to remind them of the time, place and date, and to answer any questions they might have.

At the first meeting take the time to explain your role and to give them the feeling that they can call on you for anything they might need during their Discovery Group involvement.

Be sure that you are organized to obtain needed study materials from the Americana Leadership College.

If new people are added to the group you need to send in a new Group Enrollment Sheet to the IPM office in Washington, D.C.

- One of the most important facets of your opportunity is communicating the IPM and ALC programs being offered. Policies and opportunities need to be communicated to the group members promptly. If you have any misunderstanding or questions contact the Area Coordinator, State Administrator or the National Group Coordinator.
- Since each Group is autonomous, you will be the anchor point. You have the opportunity to provide both up-to-date information and a vibration of consistency for the spiritual growth of the group.
- Your enthusiasm, your balance of the gentle and the dynamic, will enable you to share with joy in the growth of everyone in the group.

The Inner Peace Movement Program is a way of life and a fellowship of people living and working together in mutual acceptance and self-respect for the unfolding of the universal nature within each man".