



# Hybrid Worship and Community

Tools for Inclusion, Participation, and Engagement



# LIVESTREAMING **SERVICES**

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## How Did We Get Here?

# **Pre- Pandemic Virtual and Hybrid Options**

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Live-streaming primarily occurred in larger churches with infrastructure to support technology and staffing.

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In smaller churches, sermons and services might be recorded and posted online.

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Some video-conferencing occurred to facilitate meetings at great distances.

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Most remote and virtual community options happened via social media platforms – Facebook groups and pages.

# Pandemic Begins

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Everyone scrambles to learn basic live-streaming in some form (YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook Live, etc.).

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Meetings, conferences, and webinars are regularly held over Zoom or some other virtual gathering platform.

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We continued to build live-streaming skills, add virtual greeters, hosting Zoom coffee hours, etc.

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Some churches use Zoom for worship to build interactivity into the worship experience.

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Churches reached beyond their usual community to find new attendees - some across the country.

# Things Are Opening Up

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Churches move from fully interactive worship to strictly live-stream as people return in-person.

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Hybrid events and Zoom coffee hours have started to be discontinued.

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Live-stream and virtual offerings are now available, but fewer options are streaming and more are moving fully in-person.



# A Personal Reflection





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**Accommodations** are typically grouped into four categories: **presentation, response, setting,** and **timing and scheduling.** Hybrid and virtual accommodations allow us to meet individuals with disabilities and medical vulnerabilities in all four categories.

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Can you **rethink the way you program your activities** to be more inclusive for those attending remotely? Possibly **breakout rooms** for the passing of the peace or stations in the fellowship hall with **computer screens and Zoom rooms** during coffee hour.

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**There will be mistakes and learnings** in this process, take what you learn into your next service, program or event.



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Having the latest and greatest tech won't compensate for a poorly planned virtual or hybrid event.

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Essential: Strong Internet Signal

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Essential: Fast Computer

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Essential: Camera

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Essential: Microphone

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Essential: Speakers

## **Hybrid Tech and Resources**

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Optional: Projector or Large Screen

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Optional: Additional Camera

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Optional: Additional Handheld  
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Optional: Additional Lavalier Microphone

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Optional: Sound Mixer

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Don't Forget: Cables, Masking, Tape, etc.

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Platforms: Zoom (Hybrid)

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Platforms: Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo (Live-Stream)

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Platforms: Gather (Online Gathering)

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Staffing: Virtual Greeters

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Staffing: Zoom Hosts

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Staffing: Videographer/Video Producers

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Choose a setup that will be easiest to use and most sustainable for your community – then build and grow.



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Facebook Groups (and other online chat groups) allow for asynchronous community building. Have moderators assigned to respond to every post, share service links and videos, etc.



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