

Online Gathering Options

Looking for ways to “gather” your group online? Check out these options shared from many different sources. They may not all work for you... chose what might be best for your community!

Reminder: If you are gathering with young people online, please follow the same chaperoning standards for in person event to the best of your ability. For example: An adult should never be alone with a teen(s) even if it's in a virtual environment and adults should have current background checks and VIRTUS training. If possible, we suggest recording your online event to keep as a record. Also, if you create a chat group, it needs to be monitored/have an adult presence. These are unprecedented times... if you're not sure about something contact me and we will figure it out together!

**Click on the options for more information*

Virtual Meeting Options:

-  **Google Meet** Do you have a Gmail address? Google has their own version of video chat program
-  **Google Hangouts:** it allows people to connect on their phones if they choose to.. here is more info up to 150 people.
-  **Zoom** Video/ Phone Conference Platform - free and various level paid plans - allows group video conferencing up to 100 participants but only for 40 minutes
-  **FreeConferenceCall.com** a Free Video/ Phone service
-  **Go To Meeting** Go to Meetings has a Free version as well as a paid one
-  **Webex.com:** offering a free account with up to 100 participants

Chat based Options:

-  **GroupMe:** group chat app
-  **Facebook:** does “watch parties” which is pretty cool because it allows people to connect on their phones and their screen is split into two: one with the “show” and the other is a chat screen between the members.
-  **Remind:** quick one-way texts
-  **Flocknote:** great for both texts and email
-  **Instagram:** IG LIVE allows you to broadcast as people join and comment on the LIVE video. It also allows you to connect with another person on LIVE using a split screen (maybe, have guest speakers?)
-  **WhatsApp:** secure messaging and calling for free*, available on phones all over the world.