Taking Your Church Online
March 18, 2020 Virtual Town Hall

Zoom chat transcript

Carson Samson: Hello friends, Here's a link to a working Google document that Bomba and I have been composing with resources and links on the topic of taking your church service online. It's an editable doc, and we're recommending you refrain from making major changes to it :) Our plan is to convert it to a PDF that can be widely shared. We will complete that following today's meeting. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hzG20CsG1U4LIEQ3IpRrVvkYgJCLD4-I6DNrTmcF2dM/edit?usp=sharing

Carson Samson: Please keep all microphones muted, thank you.

Carson Samson: A reminder that this town hall is being recorded for wider distribution.

Bomba Ng'andu: What you currently see is a video loop. Once we switch to live video the audio will become available.

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: Good morning paul.loewen

amanda: Thanks bomba! We can hear you now.

Julie: I can't hear

paul.loewen@abmb.ca: everyone needs to turn off their pics and camera unless they want to speak.

paul.loewen@abmb.ca: Love seeing the people eat on video! Makes me hungry!!

Steve Dick: was thinking the same thing

Konrad Loewen: If you are referring to me I'm enjoying some Smarties!

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: Can you please give us the shared link Carson?

Craig Cudmore: Don't see the link in chat

Bomba Ng'andu: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hzG20CsG1U4LIEQ3IpRrVvkYgJCLD4-I6DNrTmcF2dM/edit?usp=sharing

Joel: can hear you

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: Bomba, is there limitation on time for youtube or Facebook or Loola?

Craig Cudmore: If you use YouTube Live from a Mobile device you need to have a minimum 1000 followers. No restriction if you do it from a laptop or other software though

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: YouTube live on a computer with

Quick links:

Google Doc resource page
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hzG20CsG1U4LIEQ3IpRrVvkYgJCLD4-I6DNrTmcF2dM/edit?usp=sharing

CCMBC's COVID-!9 resource page
https://mbherald.com/covid-19/

Loola
https://www.loola.tv/pricing

Anchor podcasting
https://anchor.fm/

Open Broadcast Software
https://obsproject.com

Using a DSLR camera as a webcam
https://filmora.wondershare.com/webcam-recording/use-dslr-camera-as-webcam.html

https://www.obs.live/articles/2019/6/7/using-a-dslr-as-a-webcam-a-guide-amp-tutorial

Slido
https://www.sli.do/
https://help.sli.do/650028-Manage-audience-questions

Mentimeter
www.mentimeter.com

How to embed YouTube live stream video into your website
https://webcam.io/support/how-to-embed-youtube-live/

MB Prayer room
https://www.mennonitebrethren.ca/mbprayer/

an external webcam could possible allow you to live stream with less than 1000 followers.

Bomba Ng'andu: Loola does have some time limits depending on the subscription package you choose.

Bomba Ng'andu: https://www.loola.tv/pricing

Timothy Sesink: We have gone to do podcast type services. Requires less tech and allows people to participate by recording and sending in audio files.

Bomba Ng'andu: Yes, thank you for that note on the requirement of a minimum of 1000 followers if you would like to live stream to YouTube from a mobile device.

Julie: Does the CCLI live stream licensing apply if you're using Zoom?

Timothy Sesink: We have gone to do podcast type services. Requires less tech and allows people to participate by recording and sending in audio files. Here's an example from last week. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YssYhMaixK8

Craig Cudmore: CCLI is offering a discount on churches buying new streaming licenses to help them get up and running live

Carson Samson: Here's a handy, inexpensive podcast tool and platform. Just be aware that your content is owned by the service: https://anchor.fm/

Richard Martens: Any recommendations for an HDMI capture card, for capturing video feed from older Digital HD Cameras?

Daryl Lim: Do you also need CCLI if we use Zoom?

MIchael Engbers: Ccli is needed for any performance that is streamed online

Craig Cudmore: Restream.io allows you to send simultaneous streams to multiple platforms. We went to Facebook and YouTube live and it went off without a hitch

Daryl Lim: Thanks!

Bomba Ng'andu: Hey Richard, I can look into that and get you some information later today.

Bomba Ng'andu: Yes, a CCLI Streaming License is necessary if you would like to live stream the music portion of your service on any platform, including ZOOM.

Craig Cudmore: Also, during what would have normally been ,"Greeting Time" during the service we asked everyone to do a shout-out in the comments section of the stream

Craig Cudmore: Here's the broadcast software we used this past week - https://obsproject.com

Joel: With DSLR you need a box to interpret for your computer.

Bomba Ng'andu: Here is a link that outlines some options for using your DSLR as webcam: https://filmora.wondershare.com/webcam-recording/use-dslr-camera-as-webcam.html

Carson Samson: One restriction with DSLR is that it has a a recording length cap of 20 minutes, you will need to record in ‚Äúchunks‚Äù

Bomba Ng'andu: And another: https://www.obs.live/articles/2019/6/7/using-a-dslr-as-a-webcam-a-guide-amp-tutorial

Richard Martens: has anyone used the free online.church platform?

Craig Cudmore: Normal Sunday: 130 people, max viewers was 55 viewers

Craig Thiessen: Richard, we used the online.church resource at Ross Road. Worked great. Love that there's an online chat feature alongside the service.

Craig Thiessen: Spencer, we had 143 unique viewers. Av attendance usual 350. Many were watching in groups, so hard to know exactly how many eyes were watching.

Joel: Slido is great, just used it at a large event

Joel: and yes, ha ha, no moderation

Craig Cudmore: Were encouraging people to NOT watch in groups. Families only.

Meagan Nelson: We have at RRCC Richard- we are going to continue to use it as we enjoy the chat and scheduling component of it. If you have more questions about it you can email me at meagan@rossroadcc.ca

Daryl Lim: Slido?

Bomba Ng'andu: https://www.sli.do/

Julia McDougall: Regarding the question of creating participation in community, we read the Lord's Prayer together and encouraged people to read it aloud from home, being aware of the community that is reading the words with them.

Steve Dick: yes slido

Jason Dyck: Just a heads up, Slido can be set for moderation.

Steve Dick: https://www.sli.do/

Steve Dick: good to hear

Carson Samson: https://help.sli.do/650028-Manage-audience-questions

Carson Samson: Friends, Bomba is going to try and post as many links here as possible. I will add them to the Google Doc. So if you don't see what you're looking for on one source, you might find it on the other :)

Craig Cudmore: This week we're asking everyone in the congregation to send in a 5-10 second greeting from their family. Then we're editing it together into a montage that we'll play during the stream

Kevin Dyck: We have 325 attenders on an average Sunday. we recorded a sermon and made a worship playlist on YouTube and had 350 views on Sunday.

Steve Dick: we asked people to use social media and use a hashtag #ecchomechurch

Carson Samson: I'm thinking of the best way too get the chat transcript to all participants. I'm not sure there's a better way than to have users email kara.friesen@mbchurches.ca with request for a copy.

Anne H.: www.mentimeter.com would be one resource to ask a question and people can send several responses via smart phones/computers. Everyone can see all responses on the mentimeter website in a nice chart.

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: This is a fantastic conversation. Thanks for bring us together across the country.

Joel: We are doing music and message, but we are splitting the message into two sections for attention spans.

Brent Kipfer: This Sunday we just had a message with no music.

Joel: We embedded vimeo live into wordpress.

Bomba Ng'andu: https://webcam.io/support/howto-embed-youtube-live/

Meagan Nelson: We used a full service including worship at RRCC. Breaking up the video sections seems helpful for keeping attention

Carey Willis (Linden, AB):   We have livestreamed our full services for a number of years. I think we have typically had 10-20 on-line viewers, though I need to check with my tech team as to viewers this past Sunday, as I assume that's gone up.

Mary Anne Isaak: Can we put a Zoom link to the website as well?

Spencer Meisner: Yes, Mary Anne, but it wouldn't be live ON your website, they'd have to click on it. Which is fine, and easy to do as well.

Steve Dick: we streamed the whole service as if live,Ä¶ the joke was, should we take commercial breaks :)

Bomba Ng'andu: Yes a Zoom link can also be added to a website. However it wouldn't be live as they would need to join the meeting.

paul.loewen@abmb.ca: For everyone who has their cameras going, thanks for practicing good anti-viral hygiene of never touching your face. :)

Joel: Agree, use the medium to shape your ‚Äúservice‚Äù.

Kevin Dyck: we are doing the same thing with our gym

Craig Cudmore: Has anyone checked with health experts about the appropriateness of opening up gyms?

Kevin Dyck: Thanks for this "community time" everyone. This has been great!

Clint: Loving this, is it being recorded?

Bomba Ng'andu: Yes this meeting is being recorded.

Anne H.:   e.g. are you allowed to say the name of the preacher or other people during the livestream?

Carson Samson: This gathering is being recorded and will be posted to our covid-19 page on the MB Herald site.

Susan Peyton: Appreciate your comments about potential worship challenges. Any concerns about getting musicians together given social distancing and potential asymptomatic transmission?

Carson Samson: https://mbherald.com/covid-19/

01:30:01 Steve Dick: i'm going to spend the afternoon disinfecting various microphones and our piano

Steve Dick: and everyone stand 2 meters apart :)

Daryl Lim: Something that hasn't been said,Ä¶ For the young adults, INSTAGRAM is something that we are planning to use.

Carey Willis (Linden, AB):   Thank you guys! See you tomorrow

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: Great to meet together today. Thank you.

Bomba Ng'andu: Link to tomorrow's zoom meeting: https://zoom.us/j/468781108

Carson Samson: https://www.mennonitebrethren.ca/mbprayer/

Ryan Jantzi: Daryl - can you share more about how you're using Instagram?

Brent Kipfer: Thanks for this conversation! It was encouraging to connect and hear from each of you who had input.

Carson Samson: We will try to export the chat as well.

Susan Peyton: Thanks - great to connect and pray for one another.

Mary Anne Isaak: Thank you, Elton, Carson, Bomba and team! This is so helpful, both the information and the sense of belonging to a bigger story!

ONMB: Thanks Elton and team. This was great!

Daryl Lim: Hi Ryan, it's nothing professional, but simply using the LIVE feature

Daryl Lim: „ÄúLive on Instagram"

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: Daryl is there a limit to LIVE in Instagram?

Daryl Lim: Nope

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: thank you

Daryl Lim: I find for our young adults , "production," is good, but there's something about,"rawness' and interacting that way. That's what LIVE on Instagram gives.

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: Selfie videos uncut can be good. I agree Daryl.

Daryl Lim: I wouldn't necessarily say that would replace what we talked about today.

Daryl Lim: And to be honest,¶ most of our young adults are scrolling through their instagram feed during service anyways! :)

Carson Samson: We have three minutes remaining. Now might be a good time to exchange email addresses for ,"offline" online conversations.

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: We are not called to perfection but excellence. If it's not perfect but we are reaching out to our congregations and connecting virtually, that's the most important in this time.

Bryon Carpenter Mountain Park Abbotsford, BC: Thank you all.

Daryl Lim: I absolutely agree Bryon! Thanks y'all for this! It was absolutely helpful! Blessings to you all! See you tomorrow!