

Regathering & Welcoming

Preparing for Hospitality Post-Pandemic



EVERYONE IS A NEWCOMER

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Everyone is a Newcomer

General Breakout Session

Formation & Digital Evangelism

Specific Breakout Rooms

- Evangelism
- Formation
- Digital Evangelism



FAITHFULNESS DURING A PANDEMIC

35%

OF CHRISTIANS

say their faith has increased
during the pandemic

Pew Research Center
April 2020

WHERE TO BEGIN

THE DETAILS MATTER!

(Re)Training the Greeters

Hybrid Worship



Newcomer Notes

Digital Evangelism

(RE) TRAINING THE GREETERS

Expect and prepare for guests to walk through the door.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Whatever your community has decided for Covid protocol, be sure your greeters know.

MASKS

Have masks available and empower your greeters with the information they need to speak with members and guests.

SIGNING THE BOOK

Record your visitors! Whether on an ipad or your guest book.

NEWCOMER NOTES

NOW IS THE TIME

If a normal part of your service is not happening due to Covid (or other reasons) make a bulletin or verbal announcement

- Record your visitors
- Buy pens with your church name and website for visitors to take with them
- Follow up the same week with a newcomer with either an email or text
- Make phone calls - lots of phone calls
- Take Coffee Hour outdoors if possible
- Have a summer newcomers reception
- Make sure your worship policies (Covid) are on your website.

Hybrid Worship

WELCOME

Allow for intentional worship preparation after the welcome of online viewers

DIGITAL GREETERS

An online welcome means as much for an online worshipper as it does for an in person worshipper.

THE OFFERING

Give instructions for online and in person. If you don't have online giving, now is the time.

FELLOWSHIP

Encourage participation of in person activities for all worship participants

DIGITAL EVANGELISM

OR DIGITAL MISSIONING

- Keep all media platforms updated and current. Include worship guidelines across the digital board
- Consider a "one stop" digital church link on your website.
- The streaming question: to continue or not (YES!)
- Consider a hybrid approach to meet the needs of a changing world: Online and in person opportunities
- Enable online giving





GRAFFITI BRIDGE

Artist: Prince

Everybody wants to find
graffiti bridge
Something to believe in
A reason to believe that
there's a heaven above
Everybody wants to find
graffiti bridge
Everybody's looking for
Everybody's looking for
Everybody's looking for
love