

May a congregation celebrate the Lord's Supper within an electronic (virtual) worship service during an emergency or pandemic?

Interpretive Opinion from the Office of the General Assembly:

The Directory of Worship gives the church judicatory (the session in the local church) the responsibility for approving the time and place (e.g. extended to a virtual worship format) for celebrating the Lord's Supper....in accordance with the principles for observing this sacrament as found in the Directory of Worship (e.g. observed in the context of worship, with the minister or elder approved by presbytery presiding.....).

Responsibility of the Judicatory for Observing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:

- *"The time and place for each celebration of the Lord's Supper is to be set by the church judicatory (the session in the local congregation) which has jurisdiction over the group of Christians are to celebrate the sacrament."* (see **Directory of Worship**, section C. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Corporate Worship - last paragraph on pg.107. – Confession of Faith, March 2019 publication)

For additional information re: the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:

*(see Confession of Faith (March 2019), **Directory of Worship**, section C. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Corporate Worship - pg.107.*