

Guidelines for Counting Online Worship

Churches may include in their regular worship attendance the number of confirmed devices or individuals who have:

1. Remained connected during at least 50% or 30 minutes of the streamed gathering or recorded content
2. Engaged the broadcasting church by:
 - Online registration or identification
 - Provided an opportunity for personal participation or communication (Chat rooms, submission of prayer requests, etc.)
3. Received weekly personal contact/follow-up by a designated individual from the hosting congregation

Church should indicate on-campus and on-line attendance separately when reporting monthly worship attendance.

Churches should take care to actively engage online participants in the same manner they do those present at their physical gatherings. Intentional efforts should be made to enter them into discipleship processes and, where possible, move them from the digital gathering to the physical gathering of the local congregation.