

Online Worship: Considerations and Strategies

July 9, 2:00pm, Online

“Online Worship: Considerations and Strategies” is the topic for an upcoming webinar **offered for pastors and church leaders** across ANE by the Nurture Commission. Based on the webinar offered nationally by the Church of the Brethren Discipleship Ministries, this hour-and-a-half workshop on July 9 will allow leaders in ANE even more time for questions and discussion. No registration is required, although participation will be limited to the first 99 attendees. Simply log into Zoom before 2:00pm on July 9th at <http://tiny.cc/ANEOnlineWorship> (full login instructions are below).



The coronavirus pandemic has forced churches to abruptly change the way they hold worship services, so that the methods and styles of worship had to be left behind or adapted into this new virtual paradigm. The rapid adaptation spurred by COVID-19 has not allowed a luxury of time to reflect on how these changes might be faithful to our beliefs and theology... and it is still not clear when everyone in our congregations will be safe returning to worship in person, plus many congregations have realized that some sort of online component to their worship services may enable them to continue to reach people that were not part of worship previously.

This 90-minute webinar will address questions such as, “How do we attempt to avoid ‘spectator worship’ and keep worship the work of the people?” “What sort of technology might best fit our theology and our specific congregation’s needs?” “What are some technical and liturgical tips and strategies that can help us right now?” and “What are the learnings and gifts from this unwanted transition that may yet inform how we think about our churches going forward?” Time will be set aside for participants to pose their own questions as well.

The workshop will be led by Enten Eller, a tri-vocational minister serving the Ambler Church of the Brethren (ANE) as well as the denomination’s only completely online congregation, Living Stream Church of the Brethren (PNWD). He helped launch Living Stream into virtual worship space eight years ago, long before the current pandemic. He has run his own small computer business for more than 35 years, webcast Annual Conference business and worship sessions for many years, and served as director of Distributed Education and Electronic Communication at Bethany Theological Seminary until his return to pastoral ministry. **Continuing Education Unit equivalents of 0.15 units will be recognized** by the ANE District Ministry Commission.

Other options to Login on July 9th (please join before 2:00pm):

- (a) Just click <http://tiny.cc/ANEOnlineWorship> on your computer (*preferred*) or mobile device
- (b) Join Zoom Meeting with ID 876 8935 3723 and password 070920
- (c) By touchtone phone, dial 929-205-6099, and enter meeting ID 87689353723# (skip user #)