

ONLINE MEETINGS & WORSHIP GUIDANCE

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REFLECT THE VALUES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Promote worship, love, inclusion, empowerment and evangelism.

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REPORT ANY CONCERNS

If you have a concern, inform your Safeguarding Officer immediately.

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CONSENT

Inform participants before recording online meetings or worship. Inform people where recordings will be shared.

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BE MINDFUL

Check your background and be mindful of what you are sharing on your camera.

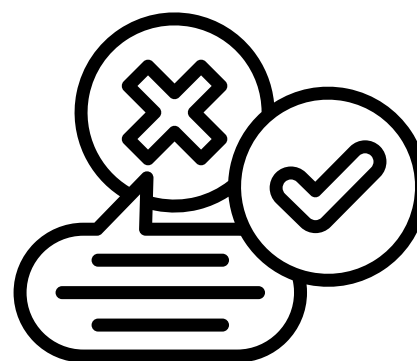
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ENSURE ONLINE MEETINGS ARE SECURE

Use passwords and waiting rooms to ensure only invited participants can join.

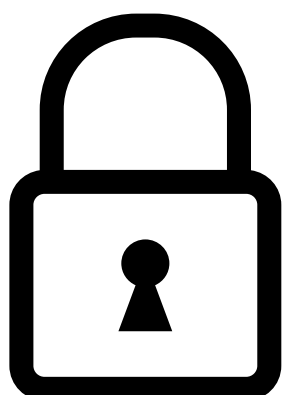
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ENSURE MODERATION

Assign a host and co-host to monitor comments during livestreams or online meetings.

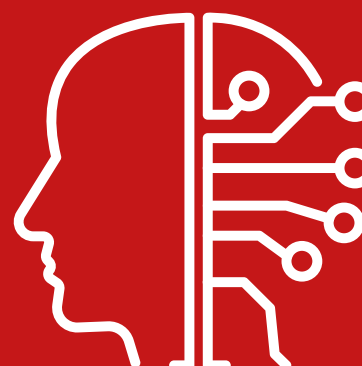
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PROTECT PERSONAL DATA

Don't display names, contact details or other personal information.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Use AI features during meetings with care. Turn off AI features if sharing confidential or sensitive information

STREAMING AND ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDANCE



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REFLECT THE VALUES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Streaming and meeting online allows you to shape how others see your church. Reflecting Methodist values ensures a positive, authentic image, strengthens outreach, and invites others into your faith community.



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REPORT CONCERNS IMMEDIATELY

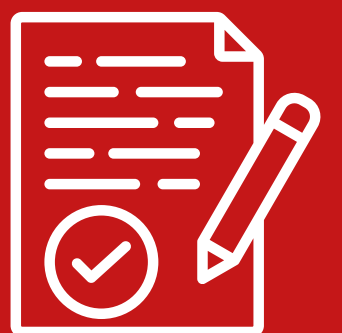
The safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults, must be maintained. If you have a safeguarding concern, inform your Church, Circuit or Regional Officer for Safeguarding immediately.



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INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT RECORDINGS

Always inform participants before recording a meeting and explain why it is being recorded and where the recording will be shared.



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BE MINDFUL OF YOUR BACKGROUND

Ensure that there are no personal or confidential items in the background. Be mindful of children entering the camera frame. Use a neutral or blurred background where possible in meetings.



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ENSURE ONLINE MEETINGS ARE SECURE

Always use password protection and waiting rooms to ensure only those invited can attend. Share meeting links privately, don't publish them on your website or social media.



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ENSURE MODERATION

Ensure that meetings have a host and co-host to monitor comments, remove offensive or inappropriate content quickly, admit attendees from the waiting room and record any concerns.



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PROTECT PERSONAL DATA

Avoid displaying personal contact details, email addresses, or names on livestreams or screen recordings. Store recordings securely and delete them when no longer needed.



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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Use AI features during meetings with care. Turn off AI features such as transcribing or meeting summaries if sharing confidential, sensitive or pastoral information.

