

### Sample Grid: Discerning New Modes of Ministry

The purpose of this grid is to prompt your own thinking about what modes or forms of ministry are best for your congregation at this time. Please use the blank chart in the appendix as you seek to discern which mode(s) will help you to be most faithful as the body of Christ.

*Please note: The list of modes/platforms, advantages, and disadvantages found below is offered for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to be definitive or exhaustive. Your experiences will differ.*

<b>Modes of Ministry</b>	<b>Pros/Advantages</b>	<b>Cons/Disadvantages</b>
Prerecorded video (e.g. YouTube)	Production quality, organization Convenience for worshipers	Less responsive, participatory Labor-intensive for church staff
Social media (e.g. Facebook Live)	Real-time connection Openness to other participants	Requires membership/account Invites competition, comparison
Virtual meetings (e.g. Zoom)	Allows for interactive participation Participants can see one another	Less accessible to outsiders Meeting fatigue (feels like work)
Drive-in gatherings	Physical presence in the same place In-person sacramental celebration	Emphasizes individuals, families Economic and ecological concerns
Outdoor worship	Evangelism/witness to community Celebrating God's creation	Contingent on good weather Mobility issues for some worshipers
Telephone ministry (e.g. conference call)	Available to most worshipers Low tech accessibility	Missing visual engagement Lack of embodied participation
Mailed materials or packets to pick up	Uses tangible, material gifts Conducive to longer-form reading	Assumes higher level of literacy Lack of connection with others
Small group/cell gatherings (e.g. house church)	Intimacy, personal connection Limits the risk of contagion	May encourage social cliques Harder to foster diversity
Hybrids (e.g. in-person with video stream)	Expansive sense of community Appeals to multiple intelligences	May lead to division, separation More labor intensive for staff

Appendix: Discerning New Modes of Ministry

The purpose of this grid is to prompt theological and practical reflection about what modes or forms of ministry are best for your congregation at this time. Please use the blank chart below as you seek to discern which mode(s) will help you to be most faithful as the body of Christ.

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