

How to set up live streaming during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) at local church

Video:

Instead of purchasing a camera with livestream capability, think simple. Use your cell phone to broadcast. Make sure you turn it horizontally to get the best picture possible. It is recommended to use a tripod to make sure the video is as steady as possible. If you are testing the waters, use a smart phone connected to Facebook Live. Make sure the phone/iPad is in a central location that will not be obstructed by people or objects.

Broadcasting Platform:

If your church is not equipped with streaming software, there no need to stress. Use a free platform such as Facebook Live. Make sure to broadcast from the church's page and not your own.

Audio:

Use the phone microphone if that is all you have. If so, make sure your phone is closer to the subjects talking. There are options to plug in microphones to a phone. You can find cheap options on Amazon.

Worship Setup:

Think simple. Can you get away with not using projection or graphics? If you need words to liturgy or songs, consider providing links in the comment section of your video. Do you have a nice background that is not distracting? If you are filming at the church, use the altar or stage.

Considerations/equipment suggestions:

Make sure you have the proper copyrights and licenses to stream songs and liturgy. If you don't, consider only streaming a sermon. Make sure you are in a space with good cell phone service or Wi-Fi capabilities; you do not want your stream to cut off halfway through the service.

- Correct CCLI License
 - <https://us.ccli.com/copyright-license/>
 - Make sure to get the streaming add on

- Tripod for the phone

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B075WQYN3B/ref=sspa_dk_detail_2?psc=1&pd_rd_i=B075WQYN3B&pd_rd_w=VddvL&pf_rd_p=48d372c1-f7e1-4b8b-9d02-4bd86f5158c5&pd_rd_wg=vbeLp&pf_rd_r=P5NAVH8M9N775477C6W1&pd_rd_r=d8d1b782-7783-489e-8b13-f0c0f067ad16&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEwS044NUM0Qk1DMEU4JmVuY3J5cHRIZElkPUEwNTQ3MjMwMjNTV1UxUkdJNF1xRiZlbnNyeXB0ZW50ZmZlPUEwODE1NzU2N0NGU05HU0hCV1Ymd2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9kZXRhaWwWmYWN0aW9uPWNSaWNrUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3RMb2dDbGljaz10cnVl

- Outreach Digital is offering free livestreaming for your church website coming Mar. 20.
[https://freeonlinechurch.com/?fbclid=IwAR2Qp0xazkxOSU -
T26pFo8cbLB9Zn0Mo2LgC5ZjvoAVKpBQq4SdqBqBEbc](https://freeonlinechurch.com/?fbclid=IwAR2Qp0xazkxOSU-T26pFo8cbLB9Zn0Mo2LgC5ZjvoAVKpBQq4SdqBqBEbc)

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