

# FAITHFUL CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

## Resources for Hosting Conversations Online

### Platforms for Online Conversations:

- [Zoom](#) – requires the host to have a paid account for a meeting longer than 40 minutes (starts at \$20/month). Participants are required to download the Zoom application on their computer or mobile device prior to joining the meeting.
- [GoToMeeting](#) – requires the host to have a paid account (starts at \$19/month). This option does not require anyone to download an application unless they want to join on a mobile device (although downloading a program for computers is an option).
- [Google Meet](#) – requires the host to have a Gmail account. The host can set up a meeting and invite participants by inputting their Gmail addresses or by sharing a meeting link (which does not require participants to have a Gmail address). This option does not require anyone to download an application unless they want to join on a mobile device.
- [Facebook Messenger](#) - requires each person to have a Facebook account. This option also does not require anyone to download an application unless they want to join on a mobile device.
- [Skype](#) - can be used with or without an account. Participants must download the Skype application on their computer or mobile device prior to joining the meeting. The host (who must have an account) can use Skype's "Meet Now" feature to share a link with users who don't have a Skype account. This still requires everyone to have downloaded the skype app, but it does not require them to create an account. If everyone has a Skype account, you can simply share contact information and make a group call in Skype.

### Tools for Online Group Brainstorming:

- [Mentimeter](#) – This platform allows the host to create slides with questions. Participants respond to the questions using a web browser (on a computer or mobile device) and by inputting a unique code given to the host. Participants' responses show up on the host's

screen (which can be shared using a screen-share feature of your video platform).

**Pros:** Multiple people can contribute at once, participants can respond anonymously, responses are easy to record and view.

**Cons:** You can only have 2 questions per presentation with a free account

- [Google Jamboard](#) – This platform allows the host to create slides with any content. The host shares a link with participants who can then edit and add content to the slides.

**Pros:** Multiple people can contribute at once; participants can respond anonymously; responses can be colour-coded or moved around easily.

**Cons:** Anyone with the link can edit any part of the slide including deleting or altering other people's content therefore, this platform is not recommended for those uncomfortable with technology since it can be easy to accidentally delete or alter someone else's work.

- [Microsoft Whiteboard](#), PowerPoint or Word – Any of these programs can be used to record participants' responses and shared using the share-screen feature of your video platform. Microsoft Whiteboard allows more flexibility for moving text or drawing on the screen. PowerPoint and Word may be more familiar and comfortable for some hosts.

**Pros:** Familiarity, easy to use, unlimited space for recording responses.

**Cons:** Participants cannot directly contribute to the file. The host will have to record their responses either by having participants speak them aloud or having people write their response in the chat of your video platform.

- [Google docs](#) –

**Pros:** Familiar like MS Word; unlimited space; participants can contribute directly.

**Cons:** Anyone with the link can edit any part of the document including deleting or altering other people's content. This could be overcome with a simple ground rule that people only add and do not delete anything.