

Circles during Covid-19, what's different?

Covid-19 has changed many things about life in general, however we have been able to maintain our Community using technology and an awesome group of volunteers to stay connected.

Our Tuesday weekly in-person meetings are currently on hold, per CDC recommendations. This introduced the Zoom Virtual meeting platform.

Using Zoom, we have been able to continue meetings from 6-8pm. Although we no longer break bread together, we allow time for participants to gather, eat and converse as we would in person. To aid in the various feelings people have, we use a centering activity to begin the meeting. We have many different versions of games, songs, and poetry, presented by our facilitation team. We have made plenty of adjustments to ensure everyone within our Circles community is getting the support they need during these times of uncertainty. Technology was an issue for some of our Circle Leaders. To address this issue, we partnered with our Lead organization and were able to supply our Leaders with refurbished laptops free of cost.

Following our normal format, we still do New and Goods, announcements and Appreciations. The Matched Circle time is facilitated using the Breakout room feature. We also use this feature to host Resource teams. Big View and Community learning nights are still enjoyed by all, as well.