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Together Online Reflections

Gemma McLean writes:

Welcome to a special Together Online Reflections edition of E-News. In this issue we look back on the Together Online event, which was held on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th July. People from all over the UK and indeed the world joined us for our first ever online conference. Below are some screenshots I took during the event and following that we have feedback sent in to E-News from attendees. Many thanks for all contributions.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in the heavens,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
as in heaven so upon the earth.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
for ever. **Amen.**



**Margaret Cowie**

I can't honestly say that I have changed my opinion about Zoom in general (though I realise it is the future, and I'll have to get used to it) but I am so happy I joined Together Online. It was wonderful to be among so many members of our church family. To listen to and discuss the teachings, to sing (quietly) to even join in the quiz (great fun even though my score was rubbish!) I left the meeting with the same feeling I have leaving Swanwick. With renewed energy, and feel at peace with the world.

Thank you all so much. We are blessed to have such a wonderful, enthusiastic "team".

**Gwen Hardy**

Lovely to see everyone on line and to put a face to names at last.

Having been unable to attend conference for many years I was so pleased to join Together Online on Zoom this year. It was good to join in worship with so many friends from all over the country and hear our new Spiritual Leader speak to us, also news from the different sections of the church.

Thanks to all those working behind the scenes to make this event happen. Together Online and also the recent online Sunday Worship on Zoom have made me feel less isolated and back in touch with the wider church.

Computers have enabled us to open new doors of communication, let us be grateful for these technologies and especially to the Lord for uniting us in this way.



Gwendolen Rowe

I really enjoyed Together Online as it gave us an opportunity to be together, if in a different way. It was lovely to be there to witness Rev Jack Dunion's installation as Spiritual Leader and I found his keynote address really thought provoking, even challenging in places. (This is a little aside which Jack and some others of you will understand - the Bible Study resolved my question regarding the midwives!).

Hearing news from around the Church was great and it was encouraging to hear about the good work going on especially in these difficult times.

My favourite sessions were the Apocalypse session and the Bible Study.

Thank you to the Apocalypse study group for sharing some of your work and it was good to help to start thinking about new ways to share the resources of this group.

For me the Bible Study was a beautiful way to end this special time together. The group I was in looked at the birth of Moses and, thanks to the skills of our leader, Rev Bruce Jarvis, I learnt so much about the inner meaning of this story. Bruce really encouraged us to look at the deeper spiritual depths of the story drawing out from each of us the ideas and I found it very exciting and thought provoking. Thank you Bruce and also to the fellow members of the group for all your input. I would like the Council to consider continuing with online Bible Study sessions especially at this time as it would be a great way to be able to continue to share in looking at the Bible and to understand its inner meaning. It would also serve as a great way to connect those who are not near a Church and those who can not get to their Church at present. A lot of our societies now are so small that they can not support running their own Bible Study groups. They haven't got the manpower or the time. However if one was run centrally and different people were asked to lead it we could enjoy the benefit of this together. I'm not suggesting this be done weekly or anything, perhaps even every one to two months would be sufficient but it really serve to connect everyone and to encourage us to be involved in uniting us at a difficult time. I see this as a different venture to the national services. I say this because the national services are led and do not involve audience participation whereas a Bible Study allows everyone to share in the session.

Thank you to all who made the Together Online event such a success.



The Long History of our Conferences

Judith Wilson writes:

For your interest, here are the dates read out in Together Online:

The first meeting of the General Conference was in 1789. It then met every year until 1793.

There was a gap until Conference met in 1807 and 1808.

There was then a further gap until 1815, since when the people of Conference have met every year.

There was no gap during either the First or Second World Wars. The only change to the normal routine was that the 1942 and 1943 Conferences were held at Swedenborg House. It interests me that our forefathers met in person in London during the war! They were determined.

Our 213th Conference has happened without us meeting together, except online.

The 214th Conference is booked for Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th July 2021 at Swanwick. I wonder what the future holds?

Thank you, Gordon Kuphal, for giving us this information.

