

Synod of the Trinity 2020 Technology Grant

Post-Experience Evaluation Report

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1. The work of this grant lives out the second secondary end of the Synod. Please share how your vision for the use of this grant reflects innovation.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Synod of the Trinity for awarding us this Technology Grant. Our congregation has been a very traditional one. Although we sponsor and participate in many missional activities and projects, they have been largely local and in-person activities. This has not been possible with COVID-19. The installation and implementation of the upgraded recording and Internet broadcasting systems has allowed us to broadcast our worship services so that viewers truly feel part of the worship service. We have found that our viewers are not only local members and participants, but people from across the country. Due to the quality of our broadcasts, we are also able to broadcast concerts from our acclaimed Arts series, which have been recorded with limited or empty audiences, then shared across the Internet, thus providing this outreach to viewers and supporting the Music and Arts performers, who have been decimated by this pandemic. We have used the system for Bible studies, virtual Vacation Bible School, virtual Sunday School for children and adults, as well as our Anti-Racism Studies and Discussion.

2. How have you met or not met your goals?

We have met our goals. The cost for equipment was approximately \$8,000. The equipment and wiring has been completely installed. Some of our staff and members have been trained in all phases. Our current Director of Music has been serving as our technical director and operator, since our Choir is not able to sing in church.



3. What is the next step in this work?

We will hire a part-time technical person whose sole function will be the recording, editing, and broadcasting events using the system, in time for our Choir to return to our sanctuary.

4. How did you or will you share your project and learnings with your home church, your community, your presbytery, and your Synod?

We have used the system to share not only Worship and Christian Education with our home church (as mentioned above), but also Funeral Services for members of our Church Family.

We have shared not only our church programs, but our Arts Series concerts with our local community.

On Monday, December 21, 2020, we will livestream a “Blue Christmas – the Longest Night of the Year” worship service, which is being presented by a team of pastors from our Presbytery, and has been publicized throughout the Presbytery.

We used the upgraded system to record a program of “Advent Melodies and Musings”, a collection of Advent poetry readings and music for the Synod of the Trinity, that was broadcast on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

