

## Grandview House Churches: A Guide to Hosting in Your Home

House churches have been a part of the story of the church since the ministry of Jesus. In this time of social distancing and potential quarantine, meeting with a small group of people in your home can prove a vital link to the community of Christ. It can also be a way to reach out to those living right next door to you. All of us are feeling a bit uncertain and finding ways to gather as a body while practicing CDC recommended guidelines can bring us comfort while furthering the mission of the church.

### Don'ts

- DO NOT feel like this is something you are being told you HAVE to do! If you are in a high-risk demographic or if you are showing any symptoms of illness you should remain at home.
- If you are caring for a vulnerable person, or if you feel uncomfortable meeting with a small group of people, feel free to stay home and participate in our online offerings on your own.

However, if you do feel led to meet with a small group of people (10 or less) to worship, here are some ideas to help you do this as safely as possible.

### Do's

- Assess the space where people will gather. How many people can you safely fit in this room? If children will be present, will they be with the main group for the entire time? Is there a separate space where children can watch a show or participate in a quiet activity? (e.g., building with Lego or coloring.)



- When inviting people, remind them that everyone will be doing their best to practice social distancing. Instead of hugs or high-fives, encourage elbow bumps, hand waving and the Vulcan salute.
- As people arrive, ask them to remove their shoes and leave them by the door. Also ask them to wash their hands before greeting everyone or sitting down.
- If you choose to take communion together, make sure that the elements have been prepared by someone who has washed their hands before touching the bread and juice. Instead of dipping bread into the cup, serve small amounts of juice in separate cups for each person.

As we move forward, the staff at Grandview will be doing our best to offer an online worship experience for adults AND for children. Check our website, Facebook and Instagram accounts for more information.