



## Mission Grant Report Form

Iowa District West

Grant recipients are asked to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort or, if a continuing ministry, by January 31 of the following year in which the grant is received. Please submit any pictures, as well, that would help to share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their ministry.

1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort.

*We have broadcasted the worship service on TV and have had videos available online for many years. But, the ability to watch it live on Sunday morning has never been an option. The opportunity to join in fellowship in real time appeals to so many of congregation that are shut-in at home, out of town, south for the winter, or home sick. We wanted to provide this service to our congregation as well as anyone else on earth.*

2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish?

*Our goal was to be able to live stream our worship service so that those at home or in the hospital could still experience that fellowship of worshipping together. We have volunteers shop around for the best service for the best price that would fit our needs. As we started, we collected feedback and made changes along the way. Our goal was to have a smooth process and understood protocol for live streaming our worship service.*

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

*Yes. We have been streaming since Easter this year. Lots of positive feedback and constructive feedback from the viewers has been helpful and making adjustments and setting guidelines for our audio/video volunteers.*

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?

*We have had three different concerns with this different outlet of worship. What do we show to the world during Communion, Offerings, and the children's message? These are sensitive areas of concern for privacy and intimacy and protecting our youth. We are following the same protocol that we follow for our TV broadcasts and that is to show our altar cross during these intimate and sensitive moments.*

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

*The internet is different than TV and archive videos and we still need to plan for what will happen if something goes wrong during the service. We are still learning and will continue to make adjustments as we go.*

6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

*Make it known that it is on the internet and that it is live. Plan what the protocol is going to be for sensitive areas and make a plan in the event that something goes wrong during a live worship.*

7. Contact person

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