

PURPOSE DRIVEN CONNECTION DURING COVID19

'HOW TO' Guide to lead a Connect Group

THINKING OF LEADING A GROUP

You might already be:

- a) Leading or facilitating a current group
- b) or you were once a connect group leader
- c) or perhaps circumstances have prompted you to consider connecting with a few people during this time.

We would love and appreciate for you to get involved, so we can model the body of Christ and build a community who can look after each other; physically, emotionally and spiritually during this unprecedented time of isolation for all.

TO FORM A GROUP

- a) You might already know a few people you can contact and ask whether they have a need to connect at this time, in which case we encourage you to go ahead and let us know who you are in contact with.
- b) If you do not know anyone but still willing to lead a group, you can contact us as we are getting requests daily for people wanting connection. Or we can scout your area geographically, consider your age and interests and help you to form a group over the next few weeks.

Please email Claudia Valler at cvaller@renewalcc.com or phone the church 0121 711 7300 to start arranging

HOW TO RUN A GROUP

We have chosen a few preferred platforms and have written guidelines on the ones that are now most in demand and not as widely used or known before:

- a) Smart phone: Calls, FaceTime or Skype
- b) Whatsapp: Group Chat or Videocalling (where you can add up to 4 people)

- c) Zoom: A web-based video conferencing tool that allow users to meet online with or without video. This can be downloaded on your macbook, laptop or your smartphone
- d) For those who have no access or the know-how to use any of the above, we can call to check in on regularly

HOW OFTEN DO WE CONNECT

As we are facing rather challenging and ever changing times at the moment, as a mere guideline, we suggest that you connect in your preferred way of communication, either

- a) once a week
- b) or at least every fortnight

but the needs of the group will ultimately determine this.

THE CONTENT OF THE CONNECT

This is again at the moment completely down to the need of the group. We offer training on how to lead a group but in these exceptional times we feel it is more important to just connect and be there for each other. Depending on how confident you feel, we suggest you either

- a) log a meeting to check in on each other, discuss needs and if it cannot be resolved in the group, report to your area leader, be available to listen as this is such a healing gift we can offer, and prayer
- b) discuss further the teachings and communication from leadership
- c) use You Version, the Bible App, to follow any of their plans as a group specific to the need of that group. They have a function for multiple users of a plan.

YOUR SUPPORT

As Connect Leader, you have an area leader assigned to you who will support you and guide you all the way