

ONLINE WATCH PARTIES

handbook

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**WANT THE
FULL CHANGE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE?**

YOU SHOULD HOST AN ONLINE WATCH PARTY!

**WATCH CHANGE CONFERENCE WITH YOUR YOUTH GROUP
AND/OR OTHER NEIGHBOURING CHURCHES!**

Even if your church is unable to gather in person together, we suggest having your youth group watch Change Conference together online. We are excited to have churches all over Canada joining together virtually and in person (while staying within their provincial rules) to watch Change Conference 2021 Online.

Make Change Conference the best experience your students have had all year. We have put together some pointers to help you create the best Change Conference experience for your youth group.

Please note: Change Conference/YFC is not liable for any Watch Parties. All responsibility will fall to the hosting church. Please make sure to check your physical social distancing guidelines and follow all of your provincial rules and recommendations.

TIPS

**SO HOW DO I EVEN RUN AN ONLINE WATCH PARTY?
WE'VE SEEN THIS DONE TWO DIFFERENT WAYS:**

1. ONE WINDOW FOR THE CHANGE CONF STREAM AND ANOTHER FOR A LIVE CHAT

Your students can each open up their own window browser for the event and open another window browser with a live chat shared with the rest of your group.

We recommend this option as it is less likely to cause lag for the event (which often happens when screen sharing) and is a great way for your students to experience the event together on the group chat.

For chat options we've heard WhatsApp, Facebook messenger and Zoom have worked best.

2. SHARED SCREEN ON ZOOM

The youth leader will gather all their students on Zoom (or another similar platform) and will screen share the event for their students to view.



HOST YOUR OWN CHANGE CONF PRE PARTY

With the event being online we recognize that a Pre-Party might not be the best idea for every group. However, we do suggest gathering 10 minutes before the event just to make sure your students join in time for the event to start. To give incentive for your students to join on time, we suggest quick mini-games and prizes (emailed gift cards to Starbucks and Amazon) to create excitement.

If you choose to run an Online Pre-Party, use our Pre-Party schedule as an example of what you can do to pump up your Watch Party before tuning into Change Conference Online. The Pre-Party schedule will be posted on our website this summer. We suggest starting your Pre-Party 30 minutes before Change Conference begins. Don't forget to purchase prizes that you can use as giveaways.




create a
party atmosphere

Creating a party-like atmosphere can be hard when your group is spread out, but something that always brings people together is food! Organize snack bag deliveries ahead of time and have a youth leader help you drop them off. Leave instructions for your students not to open them until the event begins. Don't forget to include some surprise Dollar Store goodies! (glowsticks, etc). You can also pre-order Change Conference masks and bracelets to include in these goodie bags.



MC-ing

Find a youth pastor (or a few!) to act as the Live Hosts for the night. They can run the games during the Pre-Party and also announce when Change Conference Online begins. (Try to think of a creative way to pump up the students when Change Conference begins!) We also suggest having another leader help with the admin and tech (supervising the chat, screen sharing, breaking people off into breakout rooms afterwards, etc)



WATCHING CHANGE CONF ONLINE

Make sure to test the livestream ahead of time to ensure everything works on your end before the event begins. If at any time you need help registering or logging into the event, please email info@changeconference.com or call 1-800-899-9322 x246

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

We strongly advise that all youth groups take the time to break up into small groups to discuss afterwards (Zoom will work well for this). General discussion questions will be found in our Youth Leaders Online Change Conference Magazine in October. We will be including more in depth discussion questions in our Party Boxes. Make sure to use this time to challenge the students to share the Gospel message video on their social media channels.

gospel challenge

Mike Miller will be challenging the students to make a decision to follow Jesus if they have not already. We are also excited to be providing the opportunity for youth to share with their friends (via social media) a simple video which clearly explains the Gospel message.



break during live stream

In the middle of the event we will be having a 10 minute break time, so encourage your students to stretch their legs, get a snack, go to the bathroom, etc.



TECHNICAL HELP

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AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



Party Boxes, Change Conf masks and bracelets will be available for purchase on our website. Merch is a great idea for prize giveaways & Change Conference masks are a creative, fun way to ensure students are wearing masks where necessary.

curriculum

Don't forget to register your group to use our free 3-week Change Conference/Youth Alpha Curriculum! Run the first two weeks before Change Conference. The third week is specifically designed as a follow up piece to the conference itself.