

The State of Society Report
Lower Columbia Worship Group
April 2021

2021 has been a year of challenges for our worship group. The Covid 19 pandemic has forced us into an online meeting situation, and we have continued to meet this way consistently for the past year. We have attempted live worship sessions twice, but the risks involved are real, and we as a group have not felt comfortable enough to continue meeting in that manner.

Our normal meeting place is a public building which has also not been open for our use.

It's been very difficult to keep track of our members and attenders. The number of people attending each week has always been fluid, and with worship being available only online has made it difficult to stay connected with each other. Many will not or cannot use an online platform.

Regardless, we still gather in silent worship at 3:00 PM each First Day. Vocal ministry is rarely heard, but all of us appreciate the opportunity to meet and worship together. Worship is usually closed with a period we call Afterthoughts, an opportunity for Spirit guided conversation.

Clerking responsibilities are minimal at this point, consisting mostly of hosting Zoom meetings for worship and managing required communications.

All of our normal interactions with our community have been placed on hold due to covid. Some of us stay connected with people and groups in our area such that normal relations can be restored at a later date. Primary to our members currently is staying safe and getting vaccinations.

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