

# Virtual Local Cenacles

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## Goals

- Communal Prayer is important to the devotion:
  - August 7, 1962 – Jesus: As two or three gather, they take up the battle against the Prince of Darkness and his devastating power. Do not be idle!
- Provide all our cenacle leaders with a way to keep their cenacles functioning during meeting bans
  - The need to strengthen each other as this wears on – **we** may be fine but not all
  - Heb 12:24-26: “and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”
  - Particularly looking after the vulnerable – those who just started, those who are wavering
- Provide cenacles for shut-ins and dispersed devotees

## Proposed Solution

- Jitsi Meet - Not a mandate! Simply information if it is useful
  - If other solutions are working, there is no need to change
- Pros
  - Free
  - Unlimited conference duration
  - Unlimited attendees for both video and audio
  - The same technology as the Perpetual Vigil room
  - Extremely simple – open the app, enter a room name
  - Supports plain phone dial-in, computers, smart phones, tablets
  - For those who can use it, video creates a much greater sense of community, connectedness, and fuller communication
  - No room ownership – anyone can open the room and it does not end when the “moderator” leaves

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## Proposed Solution

- Jitsi Meet
- Cons
  - Open Source free project so it lacks some features and has features others do not have
  - Uses cutting edge technology so has some bugs especially around enabling cameras and microphones
  - No room ownership so rooms can be hijacked (hence naming is important)

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# Alternative Solutions Evaluated

- GoToMeeting
  - Allows unlimited call length
  - Not free
  - Requires a “moderator”
- Zoom
  - 40 minute call limit on free version
  - Security issues
  - Requires a “moderator”
- FreeConferenceCall
  - 5 video participant maximum
  - 6 hours call limit (not a problem for local cenacles but it is for the Perpetual Vigil)
  - Requires a “moderator”
- BlueJeans
  - Not free
  - Sound looping problem
  - Requires a “moderator”

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# Getting Started

- Selecting a name – naming conventions – Ref p5
  - Try it!
  - Computer users:
    - Hang up
    - Go to [meet.jit.si](https://meet.jit.si) and enter your room number
    - Hang up there
    - Return to [meet.jit.si/foltraining7](https://meet.jit.si/foltraining7)
  - Phone users – even easier:
    - Hang up
    - Enter your room name and tap on join
    - Hang up there
    - Tap on [foltraining7](https://meet.jit.si/foltraining7)

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## Getting Started

- Setting your name – creating community
  - Computer users can do it from within a meeting
- Living with latency:
  - 1,2,3 . . . 4
  - Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers
- Let's learn about muting
  - Muting Audio – Push space to talk, choosing a microphone
  - Muting Video – choosing a camera
  - Starting Muted, muting all
  - Muting another and controlling their volume

## Etiquette

- Mute Your Sound When Not Speaking
- NEVER Put the Call on Hold
- Call from a Quiet Environment
- Use a Headset or Ear Buds, or Hold the Phone to Your Ear
- Be Patient with Each Other
- Praying Together in Jitsi Cenacle Rooms

## Useful Features

- Tile View versus Active Speaker
- Information – how to let others know about the room!
  - Different ways to join:
    - Computer
    - Mobile Device
    - Regular phone
    - Combination! You MUST mute both speaker and microphone on your computer before doing this - demonstrate
- Screen Sharing
  - Documents
  - Adoration Chapels
- Chat – group and individual

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## Common Problems

- Forgetting you are on mute! Forgetting you are NOT on mute!!
- Problem accessing microphone or camera
- Someone does not realize they need to mute – verbal or from tile
  - Someone is very loud
  - One person is speaking and several need to be muted
- Someone's sound is very poor – the connection quality indicator
  - Turn off video if necessary
- Someone is causing a problem
  - Kick out
  - Password or Lobby Mode

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## Registering Your Cenacle

- Kindly register all cenacles on our web site – even private ones
  - <https://cenacles.flameoflove.us>
  - It helps us to report to Pastors and Bishops on Flame of Love activity in their areas
  - Only in-parish and virtual cenacles are listed
    - Legal and physical protection especially during COVID
  - Only cenacles checking that they want to be listed are listed
  - In-church cenacles and cenacles using the parish name MUST have Pastor approval
- Common mistakes
  - Forgetting the second page!
  - Non-unique name
  - Complete date, time, and time zone
  - Virtual cenacles without links
  - Forgetting to check the “list cenacle” check box

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## Pray

- As with all things, let's please undergird our efforts with prayer
- Technology isn't our answer – just an enabler
- Remember we may have uses for this after Corona
- We do this all for love – love our members, our families, our communities; what we do makes a difference
- Questions and thoughts?
- Please email me your contact details if comfortable (email address, location) and whatever else you'd like to tell me about your cenacle – [jsullivan@flameoflove.us](mailto:jsullivan@flameoflove.us)
- Please feel free to hang up. If any would like pray, welcome to stay

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