

One and One



One Action and One Tool from the UUA Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group

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One Thing Going On

New Online Conference Hosts

For several years, the UUA used a service called Persony for hosting online conferences and webinars. Sadly, Persony is no longer supported by its vendor, and we are shutting down our Persony service on Friday, October 14, 2011.

If you've been using Persony, don't despair! Several excellent services are available for free and they all support up to about 200 participants. We recommend the following, based on the experiences of the ITS and district staff:

•BigMarker (www.bigmarker.com): Great for meetings where you need to show a presentation, share a screen, display any number of webcams, and enable participants to text-chat and raise their digital hands. It supports both VoIP (Voice over IP) and integrated toll-free phone service in the same session. It doesn't help you schedule the meeting, send invitations, track registrations, or record the meeting.

•AnyMeeting (www.anymeeting.com): AnyMeeting provides screen-sharing and text chat. It also enables you to send invitations beforehand, records your meeting, and posts the recording on their website. It supports either VoIP or integrated long distance phone service but not both in the same session. However, it displays ads and supports only one webcam.

•Join.me (join.me – no “www” and no “.com”): The simplest of the three, you can share your screen with one or more participants. It supports integrated long distance phone service but no VoIP. It also has chat, but no hand-raising or meeting scheduling.

One Useful Tool

Goggles for Your Gmail?

If you've ever sent a snarky email in a fit of pique, or even worse, posted a private message on a public chat, you know how damaging this can be. No one wants to wake up after a late night email session and realize you've sent a misspelled, wrongly addressed, or even inappropriate email. Thankfully, Google Labs has a cool tool to help prevent you from waking up with a damaged reputation to go along with your exhaustion: Mail Goggles for your Gmail account.

Mail Goggles lets you set times and dates – say, late nights or weekends – when you might send regrettable emails. During this time, a little math quiz pops up that you must complete before you can hit “Send.” If you're unable to correctly complete your quiz in a certain amount of time, the rationale goes, you're probably in no state to be sending an email.

Here's how you set it up:

- Open your Gmail
- Go to Mail Settings
- Select Labs
- Search for “Goggles”
- Click “Enable” then “Save Changes”
- Now you can set the times, dates, and other restrictions on the “General” tab of your mail settings!

At the very least, this forces you to stop and think about your email before you hit send, which can mean the difference between sending off that hasty note and thinking better of it!

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