

# Survey Results as of Noon on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

35 Responses

34/35 answered  
(something besides  
just "other")

## 1. When was your last regular attendance at Friends Meeting activities? (Select all that apply.)

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- I currently attend Zoom or Hy... 24
- I have attended Zoom or hybr... 4
- I have not attended Meeting r... 6
- I have not attended Meeting r... 1
- Other 2



Other:

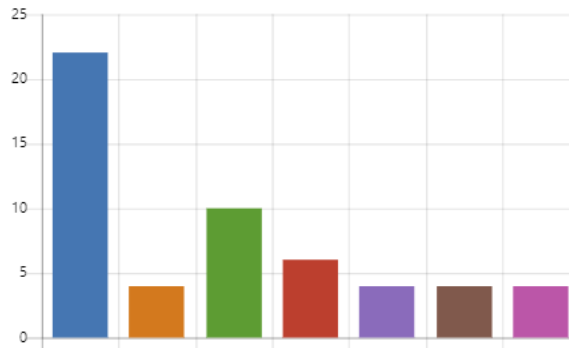
- I attend business meeting regularly;
- Last week I couldn't access ZOOM with my new Manjaro Linux operating system laptop. This week, no zoom for SA Friends, & too late for EDT ZOOM meeting once I was aware that SA was going live. in person. I try to catch the occasional UK ZOOM meeting. Due to COVID, & given I have no active local monthly meeting available when I'm home in the Rio Grande Valley I've attended ZOOM meetings (when I've remembered to coordinate my schedule properly) with SA Friends & a few other monthly meetings via ZOOM, on this continent & others. Great experiences, really. But not a proper substitute for the true gathered meeting.

## 2. When would you be ready to return to in-person worship and activities at the meetinghouse? (Select all that apply.)

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35/35 answered

- Now 22
- After I am (or all members of ... 4
- When the COVID variants are ... 10
- After 70-80% of San Antonio's... 6
- When we have a children's pro... 4
- I would like to attend, but I a... 4
- Other 4



Other:

- I have a young child unvaccinated, but I would be ok if everyone he came in contact with was vaccinated or wearing a mask. It's the unknown that is scary
- I would like to attend but driving is difficult for me;
- Best that those who attend be vaccinated. Given there are those who may not be able to be vaccinated due to immune system dysfunction or immune suppression, I think it wise that all those eligible for vaccination be vaccinated insomuch as vaccination of healthier persons mitigates the risk to those whose immune systems are compromised & vulnerable.

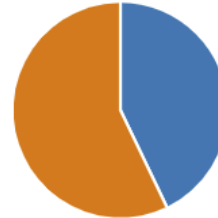
- Now means with the option to mask and distance. Also, I think that the announcement: “For the safety of all we ask that u be vaccinated”.

**3. If you are unable to attend in-person worship and other activities regularly:  
(Please select the most relevant.)**

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13/35 answered

- I do not live close enough to a... 6
- I have health or personal reas... 8
- I do not wish to share my reas... 0



**4. Please add any comments relevant to the above three questions**

15 Responses

1	anonymous	I am vaccinated, as are my household members, so I feel ready to return but respect the meeting's decision if others need more time.
2	anonymous	I think we should resume in person and not do hybrid meetings except once a month.
3	anonymous	I have a young child unvaccinated, but I would be ok if everyone he came in contact with was vaccinated or wearing a mask. It's the unknown that is scary.
4	anonymous	Would enjoy being back in person
5	anonymous	I am ready to resume in-person worship when I can be sure that such meetings are both safe and inclusive. We need to give everyone the chance to attend together.
6	anonymous	I think there needs to be a way to incorporate Zoom participants into all FMSAe activities, with the exceptions of the children's program, and of course the in-person activities such as works days. shared meals, etc.
7	anonymous	Macular degeneration makes it hard for me to drive. I do not drive at night & limit day time driving.
8	anonymous	I look forward to worshipping with others in the Meetinghouse.
9	anonymous	Everything is contingent on how well the vaccine protects against future new variants
10	anonymous	I live a little far away to go to the meetinghouse casually but am very much looking forward to being there on Sundays again.

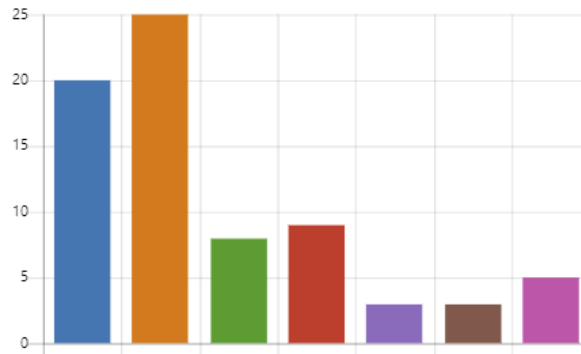
11	anonymous	Thank you
12	anonymous	We should reopen ASAR.
13	anonymous	My wife and I are fully vaccinated and we look forward to being in the Meetinghouse for worship sharing.
14	anonymous	We support turning the light back on in the meeting for all to worship. Our family has been attending Catholic services while the meeting's light has been off. They have welcomed us as friends and for that we are grateful.
15	anonymous	we will attend as many events as we can

**5. Once we do return to in-person worship in the meeting room, which safety precautions would you be willing to have us impose -- if needed -- for the sake of attenders' and others' health?  
(Select all that apply.)**

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33/35 answered

- Compulsory wearing of masks... 20
- Distanced seating: a maximu... 25
- Entry only to those who are va... 8
- No restrictions after San Anto... 9
- I am not willing to have any re... 3
- Irrelevant, as I am not able to ... 3
- Other 5



**Other:**

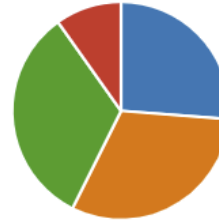
- Vaccinated or wear a mask;
- I don't insist on the above, but do not object to them.;
- Wisdom, common sense, respectful consideration of the impacts of our actions guide each Friend's responsible self-determination, creating an appropriate light & health-sustaining environment for the meeting to thrive physically & spiritually. The silence of the gathered meeting is just what is needed at this juncture.
- Obviously, the unvaccinated folks would be on the honor system to continue wearing masks.
- Only partially irrelevant; I believe that we should simply ask if someone is vaccinated. No proof of vaccination.

**6. If we need distanced seating, which of these would you support?  
(Select all that apply.)**

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26/32 answered  
(something besides  
just "other")

- A reservation system to make ... 16
- A system by which volunteers ... 19
- Two smaller meetings for wors... 20
- Other 6



Other:

- A way for members of the same household to sit together non-distanced;
- Simply ask people to distance. If the distancing becomes a problem address it then
- Until a problem arises, I don't see the need to plan for this
- Trust your brothers & sisters in the light;
- No restrictions are necessary.
- Allow those in the community room to have their own silent worship simultaneously with meeting for worship, The community room could break early to allow room for those coming out of meeting.

**7. Please add any comments relevant to the above two questions**

**9 Responses**

1	anonymous	I would only implement 2 meetings if and when distanced seating becomes difficult
2	anonymous	I like the two-meeting option, so long as both are in-person. I am also willing to meet outside if needed so that newcomers can attend in my place. (That's easier if I've already had a chance for an earlier worship.)
3	anonymous	Looking at Zoom attendance, it seems unlikely that distancing would lead attendance over capacity.
4	anonymous	I support strongly strongly encouraging friends to be vaccinated before coming to the meetinghouse, but would like to leave open "legitimate" reasons not to do so (I don't know if there are such but if there are . . .).
5	anonymous	I hesitate to put requirements on anyone. I trust each of us can self govern our own actions to take into consideration the common good of all. That being said, my family will limit in person meetings as long as COVID variants are threats to medically vulnerable groups.
6	anonymous	Rely on the Spirit's wisdom.
7	anonymous	My observations of business I frequent is that safety protocols run the gambit. While I do want to adhere to reasonable safety, it seems the general public follows personal comfort levels already. I would expect mindful adults to naturally sit where comfortable.

8	anonymous	for those who took the time to compile this survey. a big thanks.
9	anonymous	I would support whatever is best for everyone. I have no preference.

**8. How important to you is it that Meeting provide opportunities to attend Meeting for Worship to the following:  
(Rank each on the 1-5 scale: 1 is low, 5 is high.)**

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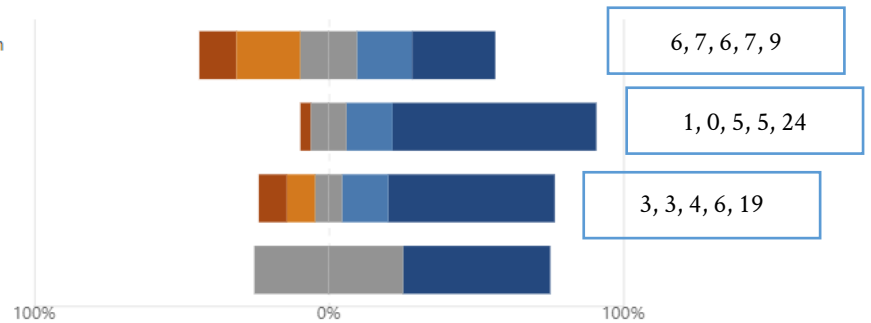
35/35 answered

Friends who feel that technology in the meeting room would disturb their ability to worship.

Friends who live locally but are unable to attend for health reasons or difficulty of transportation.

Friends who live at a distance but have appreciated being able to attend on Zoom.

Other (please describe in the comment section below).



**9. How important to you is it that Meeting provide opportunities to participate in Forums, Business Meetings, and similar activities to the following:  
(Rank each on the 1-5 scale: 1 is low, 5 is high.)**

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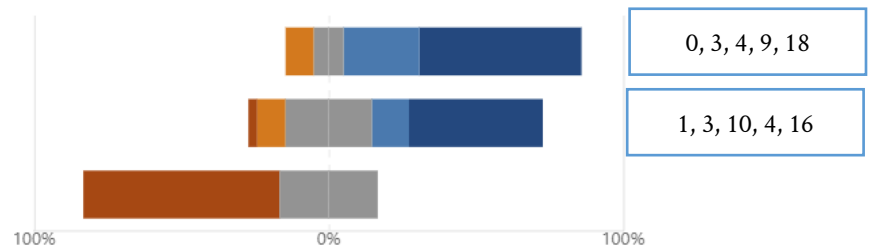
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34/35 answered

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Other (please describe in the comment section below).





### 10. Please add any comments relevant to the above two questions

7 Responses

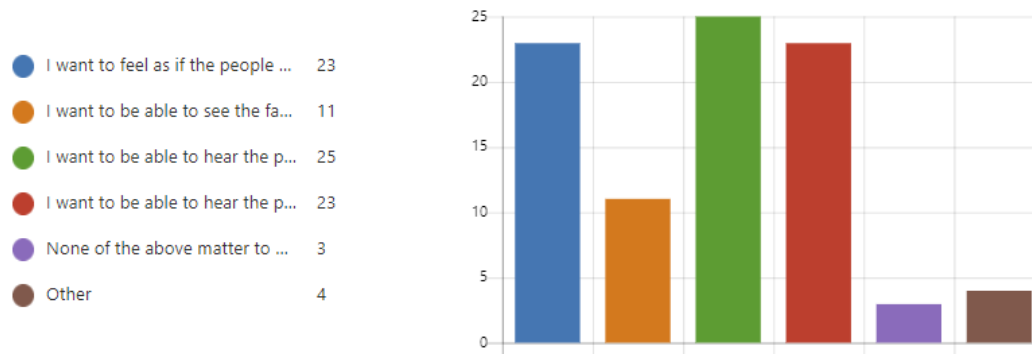
ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I don't understand why anyone would oppose technologically enhanced worship, so long as it were discreet, well-managed, and not a burden on those who have to run it. As several people have said, you don't have to sit where you are facing a screen. (And the screens need not be over-large.) Still, I do think those who don't want any technology should have a way to worship. I just think they shouldn't ruin worship opportunities for others.
2	anonymous	Some of the strongest voices against technology have consistently attended Zoom meetings. For those who have not and have decided they couldn't worship or benefit from hybrid meetings and activities (esp. without trying to do so), let's ask them to work on finding a way to resolve the issue.
3	anonymous	People with children very important to ensure they can attend meeting for worship
4	anonymous	It would depend on what the technology is in use. I would not want to worship with a screen. but mikes and discreet speakers would be OK>
5	anonymous	Reopen as prior to COVID ASAP.
6	anonymous	accommodate those with hearing problems or other disabilities.
7	anonymous	Friends who have children

### 11. If we use Zoom in Meeting for Worship, which of the following are important to you that we INCLUDE.

(NOTE: These are things that you want. The next question asks about things you do not want.)  
**(Select all that apply.)**

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Other:

- I do not want this issue to stop the meeting from being able to resume in person. I think the distant attenders would WANT us to resume

- Q 11 is confusing.
- I do not need to see others during worship.
- Video and audio connections are inappropriate due to privacy restrictions and have legal implications as well.

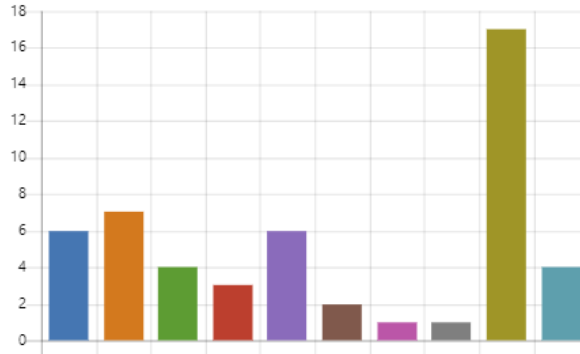
12. **If we use Zoom in Meeting for Worship, which of the following are important to you that we AVOID.**

(NOTE: These are negative statements: things that you DO NOT want.)

(Select all that apply.)

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- A Zoom screen (of any size) w... 6
- A large Zoom screen (5'x3') w... 7
- A small Zoom screen (3'x2') w... 4
- A discreet video camera woul... 3
- Requiring people to walk to a ... 6
- Any clearly visible microphone... 2
- One or more hidden microph... 1
- Speakers to improve hearing ... 1
- Knowing that our design for w... 17
- Other 4



23/35 answered  
(something besides  
just "other")

Other:

- None of these would disturb me. I feel it is important to recognize not everyone can attend in person and I would like to be able to find a solution that allows for all to worship.
- For someone attending via ZOOM, it might be more conducive to a full gathered meeting if the video were that of the entire meeting place, rather than of one individual Friend always occupying the monitor: i.e., seeing the members as they are in worship as one sees them when present in the meetinghouse.
- Video and audio connections are inappropriate due to privacy restrictions and have legal implications as well.
- most of my answers are irrelevant as we cannot attend in person regularly;

13. Please add any comments relevant to the above two questions

6 Responses

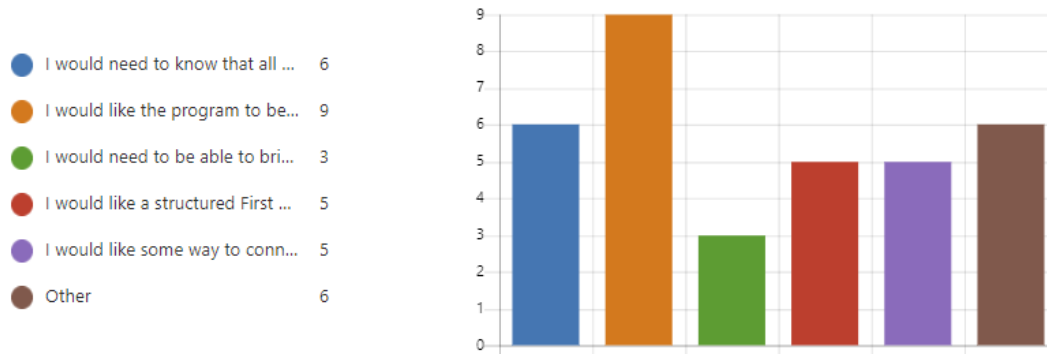
ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I really want a sense of a seamless meeting. I would favor a 5'x3' screen, on a rolling cart with a place toward the middle of one of the side walls, in line with the back row of benches. Zoom would be in webinar mode (compulsory muting), with the participants on Zoom raising hands when they wish to give ministry. The Zoom clerk unmutes them for speaking, then remutes them as we settle back into silence. One issue is what to do when no Zoom clerk is available. I guess then we livestream with no video. But that's a clear fourth choice.
2	anonymous	I've liked having former attenders now living at a distance, local mobility-restricted (broadly defined), and non-local visitors on Zoom, and would feel discomfited by their absence by exclusion.

3	anonymous	I can worship with the above.
4	anonymous	Please see my last comment.
5	anonymous	Requiring people to walk to a microphone wouldn't disrupt my ability to worship, but is an access issue for those who can't make it to them. If someone else was moving with the microphone to those people it would be better access for everyone in the room.
6	anonymous	Again I feel the option to include the most people would be best for me. I do feel the internet and technology may take away from our ability to connect with spirit and the divine. However, in this case, I feel it necessary and more important to be inclusive.

**14. We know that the pandemic has posed unique challenges for families with children. If this applies to you, what can we do to address your concerns and make it possible for you to participate in meeting activities? (Select all that apply.)**

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13/32 answered  
(something besides just "other")



Other:

- I do not have either (relevant to a way to connect with Meeting families and children).
- N A
- I do not have children.
- Children benefit from inclusion, community, gentle guidance, & educated. It's important that we value Quaker education, as it provides a foundation for life's journey.
- I need kids of all ages to be eligible for the vaccine;
- Let people come according to their degree of personal comfort.

**15. Please add any comments and suggestions relevant to families, children, and the children's program.**

7 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I don't have children, but knowing that children who don't have access to vaccines can spread COVID would make it important to have all adult volunteers vaccinated
2	anonymous	This is a key area to prepare soon.



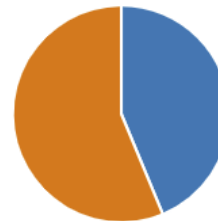
3	anonymous	this section does not apply to me
4	anonymous	I have volunteered to help with the children as needed.
5	anonymous	I am not opposed to the children's program meeting in person. Yet, Having a medically vulnerable person in my household, I would not feel comfortable with in person children's program until the vaccine is available to kids under 12. I also acknowledge a hybrid program may not be viable and completely understand that.
6	anonymous	If we wait until children appear to prepare for them, children will not appear. If we have a plan and program in place, that sends a clear message that children and their families are important to the meeting and will send our message far and wide.
7	anonymous	It's been difficult to loose the Friend's meeting for our family. It would be wonderful to be able to have it back!

**16. We are sensitive to the feelings of those who do not yet feel safe coming back to in-person worship. Do you have any concerns about re-starting in-person worship before everyone is ready/able to return, and thus some people feeling excluded or left out?**

32/35 answered

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- Yes, I have concerns. 14
- No, I have no concerns 18

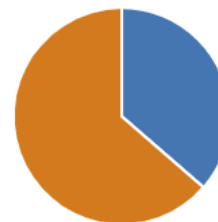


**17. If YOU were unable to participate in Meeting activities for whatever reasons, would you feel excluded or left out?**

33/35 answered

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- Yes, I would. 12
- No, I would not. 21





## 18. Do you have any other thoughts or suggestions for us to consider?

13 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	My concern about starting up is it because of the reason they can not return. Is it our procedures that make them unable to return?
2	anonymous	Keep it simple.
3	anonymous	I don't like anyone to feel left out. I think Zoom makes it so much easier and is such an asset. I could see this helping post pandemic to make everyone feel included when they cannot make it in. Living far away, traveling, someone in the family is sick, etc...
4	anonymous	1) My concern is for including the whole community. The Zoom interregnum has showed us our previous exclusionary practices, but it has also become an exclusionary practice itself, simply because it provides less community connection and less deep, worshipful interaction. We need to revive our in-person worship while simultaneously enabling those who cannot attend to participate. It takes planning, but it's not hard.
5	anonymous	Hard to answer above questions. I have put considerable effort into attending whatever was available. I'd want to know what those who feel excluded have tried, how they have worked to adapt before making Meeting less accessible by technology. I'm a little irritated by those who haven't tried to adapt vetoing suggestions they have not tried.
6	anonymous	These 2 yesses apply if virtual participation is excluded.
7	anonymous	If many people are not yet comfortable, & do not see Zoom as sufficient while allowing others to participate in person, I would favor postponing. Defining many is the problem--maybe 30%.
8	anonymous	I hope that the zoom worship continues because it meets the needs of some Friends. I also hope that in-person worship, without extensive, intrusive equipment is also provided. Thus, each Friend can choose which type is best for them. Right now, those who do not find zoom worship adequate are excluded. Friends will not necessarily all be ready at the same time, so a hybrid worship should be available, but in-person should not be delayed unnecessarily. i believe we need to rebuild our beloved community which is now divided and scattered.
9	anonymous	Thank you for allowing my contribution, if only in words at this time.
10	anonymous	Trust.
11	anonymous	My personal preference is a hybrid worship. I understand that may not be sustainable in the long term.
12	anonymous	We needn't reinvent the wheel. Reopen the meetinghouse.

13	anonymous	<p>I've attended Austin's "hybrid" meeting and found it distasteful. The entire group sat where they could see the TV screen in the center of the room. There was an accompanying camera for the Zoom participants' benefit but it was focused on the placement of the microphone, which may or may not have encompassed the entire room. For the folks in the meeting room this equipment seemed to be the focal point. I could not see or hear the folks on the screen, and whenever someone spoke they walked to the microphone and spoke to the TV. Their voice was modulated, not for the present gathering, but to the TV. This mandated the speaker have their back to most of the group and primarily address the Zoom portion. When the meeting was over the usual fellowship was only enjoyed by the group, the TV winked out of existence, those folks were left out. So no matter what, in my opinion, a hybrid presence diminishes aspects of everyone's experience. Meeting for worship, for me, is where I put down the mechanistic world, which permeates every other aspect of my life and sit in organic silence. It disturbs me when alerts, alarms and text pings ring out in the silence. In the lofty pursuit to include everyone we act as if technology will allow us to be everything to everybody, that has never been true. To make any of this a reality someone must sit at the control desk where the virtual meets reality and monitor all the necessary adjustments one needs to interact over Zoom, what about their worship? This does not feel simple.</p>
14	anonymous	<p>I want everyone to feel able to come back but I know that in some ways accommodations for some to come means excluding others. For instance, having families come back may make others feel more at risk since children haven't been vaccinated against covid. Also children are loud at times and could disturb meeting if they are outside. I have children I would like to bring back to meeting but I have been hesitant to do so because of this reason. It would disturb me to know that accommodations for my children made others feel excluded or disturbed. I'd absolutely rather not come if others wouldn't be able to come if we attended.</p>

NOTE: I received one additional comment from an attender:

One thought I had is that if it worked to bring back the children that we could keep them outside in the far corner so as not to disturb the meeting. Possibly use an open-air tent of some kind to keep them in an outside/inside type situation.

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