

Videoconference applications for visit to the congregations

	SKYPE	ZOOM	JOIN.ME	WEBEX
Monthly cost	Free	16€/month	17€/month (First 14 days free)	Free
Maximum connections	10	100	250	100
Can a Publisher connect via telephone call?	Yes, for an additional fee	No	Yes, no additional fee	Yes, no additional fee
Ease of Use	Moderately difficult	Very easy in all aspects	Very easy, both for the overseer and for the publishers	Telephone hookup is complicated
Broadcasts audio when playing a video?	No	Yes, Allows for use from a Kingdom Hall and from a PC	Yes, but only if you use the Kingdom Hall. audio/video equipment. No, if you use a personal computer.	Yes, if you use a personal computer, but No, from the Kingdom Hall audio/video equipment

Recommended use

Skype

Videoconference for a maximum of 10 connections. Some bodies of elders have asked the publishers to create a Skype account. Then they have organized them in groups with a maximum of 10. The accounts are by families or homes, so that in the end many publishers can connect to a shepherding visit and receive the encouragement at the same time, also allowing for the brothers to spend time together.

Not recommended for the entire congregation due to the limitations in the number of connections and due to the inability to play videos.

ZOOM

The entire congregation could connect to a meeting, talk, or shepherding visit, including those that can only do so via telephone, as they could listen to the program. Connection limit: 100.

It is possible to play videos with audio From a PC to all those connected to the videoconference.

Not recommended for telephone hookup.

Join.me

The entire congregation could be connected for a talk or for a shepherding visit, including those who can only connect by telephone, since they could listen to the program. No limit to the number of connections. (250)

Important: In order to play a video, for example of the service talk on Tuesday, this application will only work if the Kingdom Hall audio/video system is used, and therefore is ideal for those Circuit Overseers that have their home in a Kingdom Hall annex and can use the equipment for this purpose.

Webex

Like Join.me as far as the connection possibilities are concerned, although it is technically more difficult to connect via telephone to a meeting. However, it is possible to play videos with audio from a computer to all those connected to the video conference.