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Social Media Practices Statement

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Since the founding of Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry we have routinely used social media platforms, specifically Facebook and Twitter, for ministry announcements and to assist in arranging gatherings and other events. These media have proven useful to us and we are thankful for the service they have provided.

Particularly during 2020, with the COVID-19 Pandemic, we used Facebook Live broadcasts to good effect to make some historic worship opportunities and Bible studies available to a broader audience which was not able to assemble together in one place.

In the meantime, many voices in our American culture have expressed concerns that the major social media platforms engage in censorship, banning people and messages in ways which may be understood to discourage traditional religious statements. It is becoming common for churches and other religious organizations to seek other platforms for communication.

It is our opinion at Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry that it is altogether possible for us to take stands which could result in our being banned from social media and other forms of what passes for "polite society." However, distancing ourselves from those media will both make our message less accessible and will also suggest to those who would try to discourage Christian teaching that they have won. We do not wish to achieve either result.

Therefore, we intend to maintain a social media presence, but also create redundancy within our systems, posting and maintaining announcements, recordings of events, and other materials on webspace over which we can exercise sovereign control.

We further recommend that, when possible, people who wish to engage in interaction with our materials should consider doing so both on our website and in the social media context.

There are several features of social media which are quite difficult to achieve in other platforms. Among those are live streaming and group chat in real-time. These are important tools. As long as we have access to them, we should feel free to use them, but not to depend entirely upon them.