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## Gathering again in new ways outside of Sunday worship in Legacurry



As congregations begin to bring groups together again outside of Sunday worship, social distancing, apprehension about additional work involved in setting up and cleaning, along with the possibility of reduced numbers as we move into winter are all significant challenges.

In Legacurry congregation in the Dromore Presbytery, two groups which previously met monthly and fortnightly with a focus on ministry among senior members, along with two home groups which can no longer meet in private houses and are not comfortable using Zoom, have come together in a new way on Wednesdays.

Split into morning and evening gatherings to accommodate those available at different times of the day, a new configuration of groups meet in the church building. By reorganising in this way, social distancing is easily catered for using the same arrangements in place for Sunday worship and a 72 hour gap between Wednesdays and Sundays means set up and cleaning is kept to a minimum.

A format of praise, prayer and Bible teaching brings the best of each aspect of the previous format of each group together for the benefit of all. It is still early days, but the response of those attending is positive, the new arrangements proving manageable and this format something the congregation hope to grow going forward.