Technology and Men's Ministry

Newer forms of computer technology have proven effective in reaching men for Christ and expanding the ministry of men's groups. Here is a short descriptive list of some of these tools:

Essential Computer Programs/Applications (Apps)

Adobe Reader – A free downloadable program allows you to open PDF documents. This program is necessary for opening not just GCUMM documents, but documents from conferences and other organizations as well. https://get.adobe.com/reader

OpenOffice – A free downloadable program is for those who do not already have word processing and spreadsheet programs on their computers. Opens most file types, including all Microsoft Office files. www.openoffice.org

Zoom – An online conferencing tool that allows users to teleconference and video conference for up to an hour free. www.zoom.us

Additional Apps for Reaching Men

Facebook.com – A networking website where your group can post happenings and connect online. www.facebook.com

Google+ - A networking center that allows your members to meet online from home, share event pictures with each other, and send group messages. An excellent tool for small groups that are unable to meet in person. https://plus.google.com

Instagram – A website that allows you to share photos and videos of your events. This site is especially popular with younger people right now. www.instagram.com

Meetup.com – A website that allows you to set up a listing for your group and invite people to your events (for a nominal fee). www.meetup.com

Skype – A free online app that lets you video chat, instant message, and call with other users. Service can be upgraded to include calls to landline and mobile phones. Allows your members to meet in small groups without ever leaving home. www.skype.com

YouTube – A free video-sharing website. Great for documenting your group's activities and posting promotional videos online to attract more members. www.youtube.com