



WHO USES ONLINE A. A.?

Many AA members use the online medium to supplement their f2f meetings or vice-versa, depending on each member's own situation. A good number of online A.A. members and groups encourage attendance at f2f meetings in addition to online meetings.

There are many, however, who cannot hear at f2f meetings. Online A. A. may be the best or only resource available to allow these members to participate fully in the fellowship.

Online A.A. is also a resource for A.A. members who cannot attend f2f meetings, for some of the following reasons:

- Geographically-isolated members
- Members with physical disabilities
- Members living in a foreign country
- Members in the military or at sea
- Older A.A. members
- Shift workers
- Parents with young children

Many A.A. members use online A.A. to broaden their understanding of A.A. at home and the world-wide level, sharing experience, strength and hope with members from different groups and countries.



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AN INTRODUCTION TO ONLINE A. A.

WHAT IS "ONLINE A. A.?"

"Online A. A." is the collective term for meetings held on the Internet, via computers that are equipped to access this medium of communication.

"Face-to-face" (f2f) is a common online term used to define meetings that are held at a physical location and attended in person.

There are many kinds of online meetings, just as there are within the f2f fellowship.

E-mail and chat groups of members of Alcoholics Anonymous conduct Big Book, discussion and informal chat meetings. Some meetings are closed and others are open.

This gives new meaning to the words "our meeting in print," because the deaf and hard-of-hearing can actually **hear** the printed word.

The Serenity Prayer

God Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

