



Introducing Realm Connect

A MEMBER MINISTRY TOOL FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

What is Realm Connect?

Realm Connect is a ministry platform—a browser-based application for the whole church. That means it isn't just a database. It is an interactive tool designed to integrate members, ministries, and groups. The member directory will be in Realm. You can update your own profile, keep in touch with others, stay involved in groups, manage pledges and giving, and more.

How will this help the congregation?

To start with... The member directory will be available anytime. Group and committee leaders can communicate with team members directly through Realm (either on the internet or in the app).

Upload a picture! It's easier to remember someone with a picture. Updating your profile means the church has your most current information. No more calling or emailing to get your address changed. And you get to decide what other members can see in the directory.

What else is coming?

More features will be available soon. Groups and events will become accessible in the coming months. Group boards will make it possible to communicate just within a small group or committee. Event registrations will move to Realm. And much more!

What about my privacy?

Realm is safe, private, and secure. Realm is only made up of people in our church, not a social network open to everyone. Realm keeps your data safe and gives you control over what information you share and who can see it.

Set up your Realm account at church!

You can sign up on Sundays, October 21, October 28, or November 4. Volunteers with computers will be around to help you set up your own secure account.

What if I don't sign up on Sunday?

An invitation will be sent to all members on November 5. Be sure to use the invitation link! If you don't, you will need to contact the church later for a new invitation.

Use a browser (not the app) to set up a new account.

You may receive an email stating that your "security settings have been changed." If you are already using Realm, nothing will be changed and you can simply ignore that message.

Is there an app?

Yes! In the app store, search for "Connect-Our Church Community" by ACS. The Realm Connect app is available for both iOS and Android. You can access Realm both on the internet and with the app.

Where is my giving information?

When Realm is first launched, contributions details will not be visible. Your pledge, More Idlewild, and giving information will be in Realm at the beginning of the year.

Can I make my pledge in Realm?

Yes! You can submit your 2019 pledge with the app. (Don't forget, Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 4.)

More details about contributions (including gifts from foundations) will be sent out soon.

Realm FAQ (questions so far)

WHY DO I NEED A REALM ACCOUNT?

DIRECTORY: Access our secure member directory anytime. (Realm replaces the WebView directory).

GROUP COMMUNICATIONS: Groups, committees, and class members will stay in touch through Realm.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Submit your pledge in Realm today. Beginning in 2019, your complete contributions and pledge information will be in Realm.

DOES MY SPOUSE NEED A SEPARATE LOG-IN?

YES. Each member should have their own account so you are connected with your own groups and events and are able to update your individual profile.

WILL MY SPOUSE SEE MY CONTRIBUTIONS INFORMATION?

IT DEPENDS... If you pledge together, both you and your spouse will see the same information. If you pledge separately, contributions information is only visible to the individual.

DO I NEED THE APP?

NO. The Realm app is very convenient, but you can always use Realm on the web.

