



## Values and Leadership

### Food for Thought

*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4: 8-10)*

As Christians, we are called to love others, to serve others, and to offer hospitality in all circumstances. For most, the pandemic and the rules that accompany it, have impacted the way we serve and how we offer hospitality to others. Whether you are working remotely or making changes to the layout of the office space, everyone is adjusting to something new.

It is important that leaders do not lose sight of the importance of creating a welcoming space, whether physically or virtually. While companies are creatively finding ways to abide by the new rules, it is not without challenges. These changes have created new obstacles to the way we interact with one another. So how do we adhere to these new rules while ensuring our organizational culture doesn't take a hit? How can we cultivate Christian hospitality in our homes, our workplaces and on Zoom?

### In the News

#### How to host online meetings with Christian hospitality

Virtual meetings have given new opportunities to connect. Still, it doesn't feel the same as joining in-person. This emphasizes the importance of creating a welcoming virtual space. "If we must Zoom, how do we do it well and graciously?"

#### A place at the table

"Hospitality is at the heart of our faith, rooted in God's welcome toward us." This *Salvationist* article asks us to consider how we can demonstrate hospitality through the way we live. How might we create a welcome space for others while we are physically apart?

#### How to collaborate effectively with a remote team

Remote work can make it difficult for team members to speak up and feel included. One way to overcome this is by building a culture of respect and safety. There are many different apps and platforms to support your efforts, "but before you dive in, remember that collaboration begins with people."

#### The six cornerstones of building a great remote work culture

Creating a welcoming work culture while working remotely can seem impossible, but it's not. Be intentional about fostering encouragement, fun, and understanding. When employees feel comfortable and supported, it creates a greater sense of belonging.

### 5 ways to build team culture in a remote world

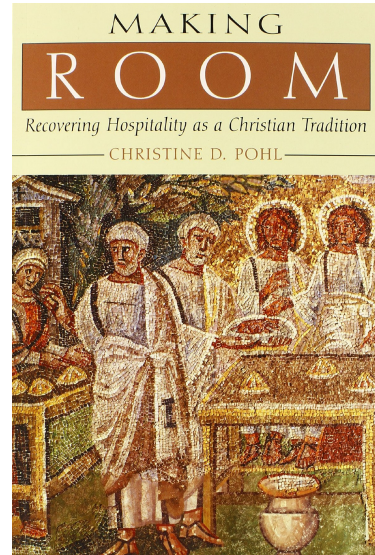
"Without the benefit of water-cooler chats, impromptu huddles and casual social interactions, team members are likely to feel disconnected." This emphasizes the need to be intentional about creating a space where everyone feels like part of the team.

### From our Shelves

In her book, *Making Room*, Asbury Theological Seminary Professor Christine Pohl examines the importance of hospitality and why believers should make it a priority in every circumstance. Returning to the foundations of Christianity, this book blends together historical and contemporary research that helps to better understand hospitality and how to carry it out. This book is a classic.

#### ***Making Room***

Christine D. Pohl  
Eerdmans (1999)



Above are articles and items in the news that we've come across that are themed to organizational leadership, values and ethics.

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