

Local Church Websites for PNNE Connections

Have you ever wished you could update your congregation's website in a matter of minutes and that it was as easy to do as writing an email? Do you wish that your current very static, out of date, and boring website, could somehow come alive with up to date information, videos, slide shows, blogs, and even forums? Have you always been so intimidated by the terms web master, web building, web maintenance, that you have been frozen into inaction? If you answered "YES!" to any or all of these questions, read on.

I answered "YES" to all of the above questions a year ago and had no idea how to solve or answer any of these challenges. I was also frustrated by one other nagging problem. Member after member kept saying; "*We need a better website! Our current church website stinks!*" Finally in January of this year, I discovered my World Wide Web savior, www.weebly.com. (<http://www.weebly.com/features.php>)

Weebly answered all of my concerns and more, and in a matter of a few hours, I was able to create a basic website which could be accessed, edited, and new pages added, by any person which I authorized. After I had created the basic format and pages, I trained my key leaders to build and maintain their own pages. This took about an hour. Within a few weeks, we had a new dynamic website, which you can look at by clicking here: www.kcpcnlh.com. (<http://www.kcpcnlh.com/index.html>)

Now it is important to remember, before we began using Weebly, every single person who built our site, was a newbie! None of us knew anything about birthing website babies. We trained ourselves and over the course of a few months we would each learn certain tricks about Weebly that we would share with one another. Now, some nine months later, we are very proud of our accomplishment!

I would like to share the gift of Weebly with any PNNE church which would like to tackle their own website dilemmas and challenges. I am only offering to do so using Weebly, because that is all I know. Those who have pages currently provided by the PNNE website will need to do something soon, because that site will be taken down as soon as PNNE's new website is online. So if you are interested in Weebly, send me an email, and I will begin to organize workshops to get you up and running. If you would like to be a leader in this project, also send me an email. I'd be glad to have you help lead this project.

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