



Rhema Life Website Project



Project Description: Create an Information Hub

Rhema Life is an excellent example of an Information Ground: people meet for worship and also take advantage of the many services offered by the church, including advice offered by knowledgeable leaders and respected members of the community. In order to support its continued growth, Rhema Life needed a website that could build on their successful efforts to share information with members, visitors, those who are curious to learn more, and international partners. Sites on Blogger, Facebook, and Google+ were not being updated regularly, so were not being used, and a new information hub to handle current and future growth was needed to support their organization.



Methodology/Process: Communication is Key

Review similar sites with a similar mission and make recommendations. Consult relevant literature: especially regarding Information Grounds, as described by Counts, & Fisher, in 2010. Publish everything on a temp URL so that work can be reviewed at my sponsor's convenience.

Outcomes/Conclusions: Organization!

Created an immediate means of access to a calendar of Activities
Allowed for bulletins to be viewed and archived: even if someone cannot attend services, they will still have online access to important information being provided to their community.

Consolidated the different ways Rhema Life users find information, into one Information Hub.

Potential members can now find the church, find online information on services offered, and connect with Rhema Life in new ways.



Impact/Next Steps: A Framework on Which to Build

One metric of success will be increased server traffic as more users find the new site. Also, as more users find information they need, there should also be increased attendance at services, and at all of the community-oriented group meetings.

Online access to video services is one of the future goals for the site, and also a relational database page, to make donations and track tithes for tax purposes.