



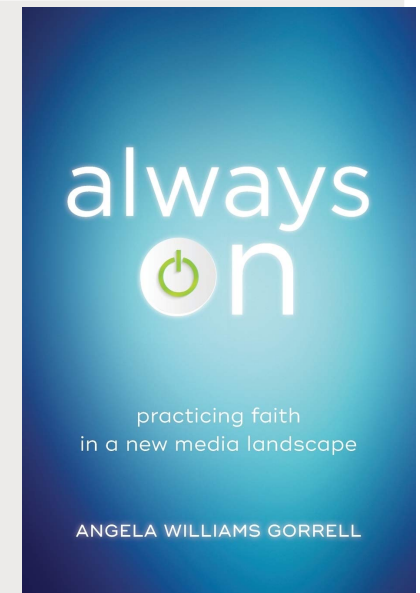
# Hybrid Faith Formation

John Roberto

# Hybridity

Recognizing online actions as meaning-filled helps Christian communities to consider our current online and in-person reality in terms of its hybridity, rather than in terms of digital dualism (think of online as virtual and in person as real). “Hybridity,” describes “the coming together of online and offline, media and matter, or more dynamically. . . . the interplay between the online and offline dimension.” Most Americans live hybrid lives because our online and offline lives have been integrated. Interactions online shape offline experiences, and offline communication and practices shape people’s online engagement.

Angela Gorrell, *Always On*



# Three Approaches



**Gathered In-Person Faith  
Formation in Physical Spaces**

**Hybrid Faith Formation  
in Physical & Virtual Spaces**

**Online Faith  
Formation**

## *Synchronous and Asynchronous*

### **Gathered Programming**

(church, camp,  
mission trip,  
retreat center,  
community  
places)

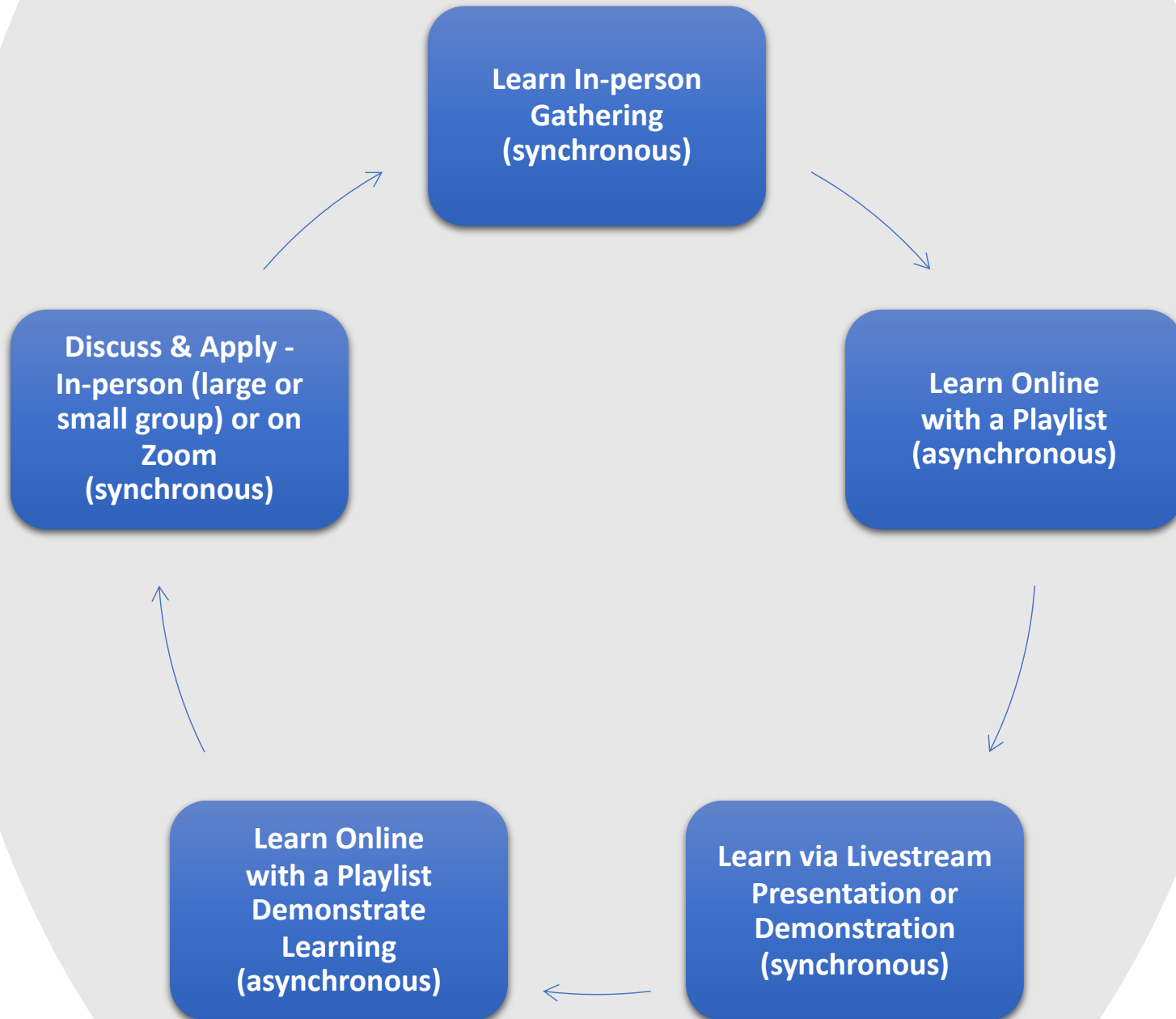
### **Hybrid Programming**

Gathered &  
Online

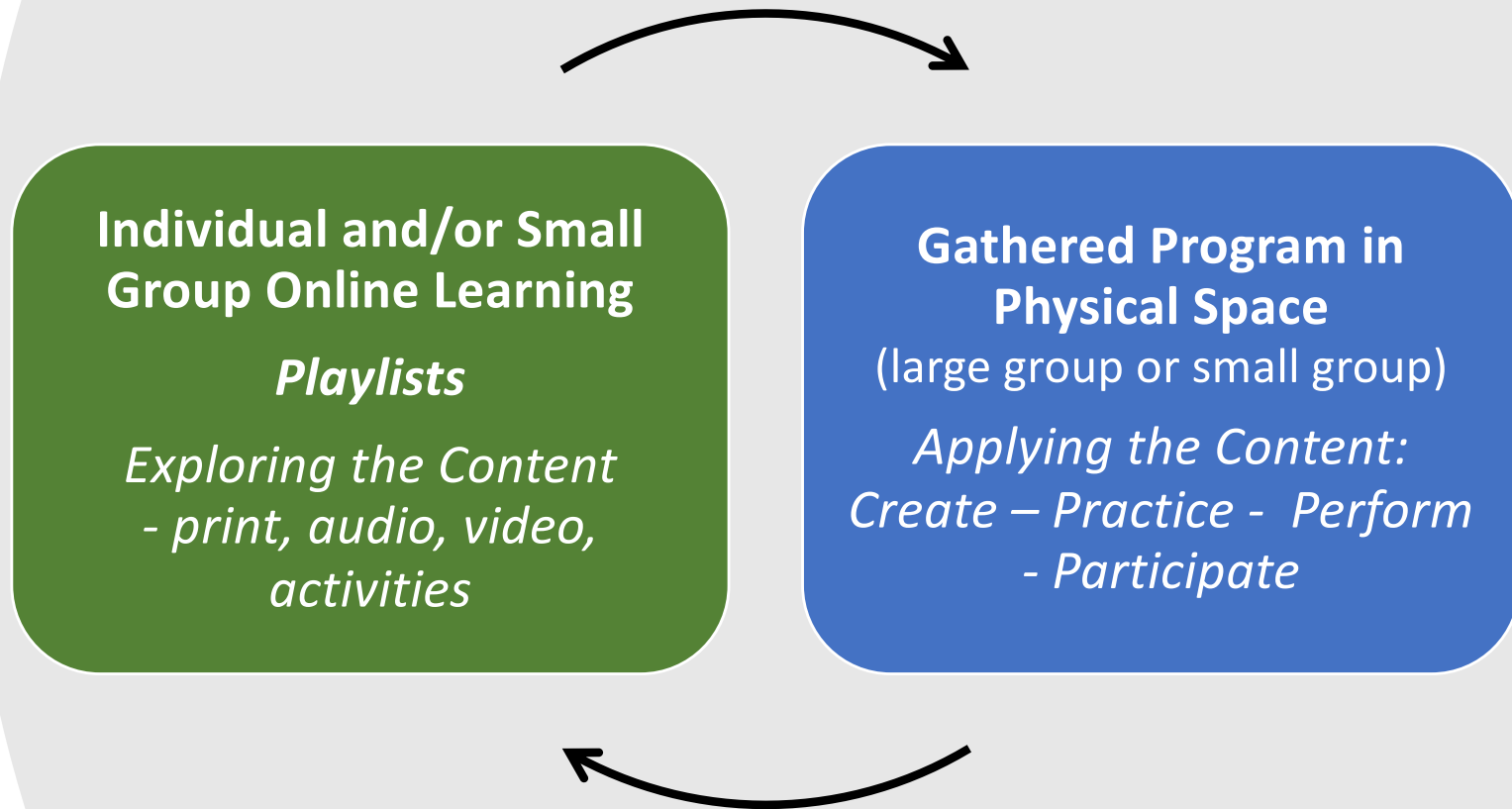
### **Online Programming**

(individuals,  
families, small  
groups)

# Hybrid Example #1



# Hybrid Example #2



Add a Facebook Group or other online meeting space for sustained interaction and connection

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## GOD ON TAP BLOG

*We post news and updates about God on Tap and discussion topics for upcoming gatherings. Feel free to leave a comment and sign up to receive new posts by email!*

### DISCUSSING CREATIVITY AT GOD ON TAP TOMORROW NIGHT!



*Join us for God on Tap tomorrow night, July 26th at 7:30pm at Forest & Main Brewing Company in Ambler. Our topic: creativity.*

When the universe seems to be sending you signals, its best to pay attention.

Lately, I've been hearing a lot about creativity—how it works, what fuels it, what inspires it, and what prevents it.

From a podcast reminding its listeners of the importance of boredom for creativity, to

reading authors like Stephen King and Anne Lamott describe their writing process, to Elizabeth Gilbert's TED talk about your elusive creative genius, to a conversation just this past week with my friend like Jim Keat-Keat about how he creates great projects like his Thirty Seconds or Less videos. (He describes his

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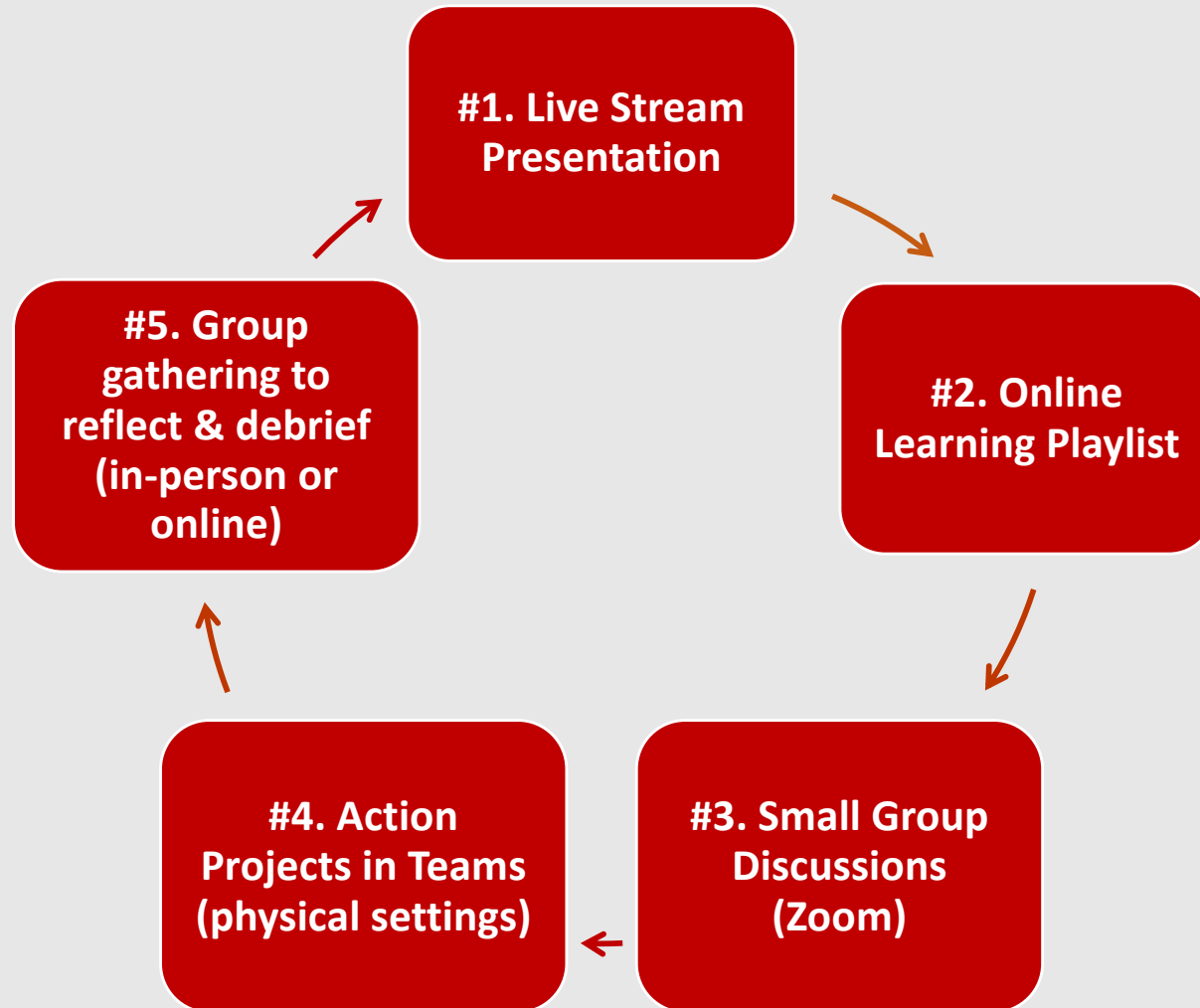


# “Flipped” Confirmation Program

- **On Your Own:** Engage young people with a monthly learning playlist—watching videos, reading short articles, praying, writing reflections in a journal—on the theme.
- **In a Small Group:** Have young people participate in one online small group experience to discuss the content in the playlist and what they are learning.
- **In a Large Group:** Involve young people in a monthly meeting with all groups for community sharing, interactive activities, short presentations, and ideas for living faith.



# Hybrid Example #3



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# Ideas for Hybrid Design

*reinvent or create*

- Marriage preparation
- Baptism preparation for new parents
- Families with young children (0-5)
- Children's faith formation with an at-home component
- First communion preparation for parents and whole family
- Confirmation preparation
- All adult faith formation
- Outreach initiatives