



Technology in the Spiritual Direction Ministry

Technology Glossary

Technology Terms:	Definitions:
Blog (weB LOG)	Space for a single user or small group of users to post text, video, etc. for users to comment. Most blogs are primarily textual, although some focus on art (artlog), photographs (photoblog), sketches (sketchblog), videos (vlog), music (MP3 blog), audio (podcasting, and others. "Blog" can also be used as a verb, meaning to maintain or add content to a blog.
Blogosphere	A term used to describe all of the blogs available on the internet.
Cyberbullying	"Cyberbullying" is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones.
Facebook	Facebook is a social networking website launched in 2004. Users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with other people. People can also add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profile to notify friends about themselves. The site is free to users. (www.facebook.com)
Following/Followers	People whose posts you syndicate on your Twitter page /people who subscribe to your posts.
Friends	Individuals and organizations you connect to your social networking profile. You control who becomes your "friend." Friend is also used as a verb.
Micro-blogging	Micro-blogging is a form of blogging that allows users to write brief text updates (usually 140 characters) and publish them, either to be viewed by anyone or by a restricted group which can be chosen by the user. These messages can be submitted by a variety of means, including text messaging, instant messaging, email, MP3 or the web. Twitter is a common micro-blogging site used for online social networking.
MySpace	MySpace is a free popular social networking website offering an interactive, user-submitted network of friends, personal profiles, blogs, groups, photos, music and videos for teenagers and adults internationally. (www.myspace.com)
Podcast	Audio recording that can be played on a website or downloaded for use on a personal media player (iPod, etc.)
Profile	Your profile represents YOU on a social networking site. Profiles display information you post about yourself and messages people post for you, on your page. If you create a social networking profile, make sure all of the material posted on your page is information you would be comfortable sharing with almost anyone.
RSS (Really Simple Syndication)	Free content feeds from Web sites that contain headlines, summaries and links back to full-text articles. Instead of having to check your favorite Web sites for new content, you can subscribe to RSS feeds and have updates delivered to you. Find PSEA's

RSS feeds on our Stay Connected page.

Social Media	Technology that facilitates dialogue among individuals or groups, such as blogs, online forums, wikis, social networking, and social bookmarking.
Social Networking Sites	A social network service focuses on building online communities of people who share interests and activities, or who are interested in exploring the interests and activities of others. Most social network services are web based and provide a variety of ways for users to interact, such as e-mail and instant messaging services. (ex: Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, LinkedIn, Friendster, Flickr, etc.). Social networking sites allow you to create a "profile" you can share with others. Learn about Safe Social Networking on PSEA.org
Status update	Social networking users can talk about what's on their minds at a given time. These status updates can include links.
Tagging	When users post photographs, videos, other content onto social network profiles, they "tag" others from their list of friends - so identify them
Texting	Sending messages between two cell phones. Texting also can include digital photos or video.
Tweet	A public message sent via Twitter.
Twitter	Twitter - Twitter is a social networking and micro-blogging service that allows its users to send and read other users' updates (otherwise known as tweets), which are text-based posts of up to 140 characters in length. Posts can include links to other websites. Twitter also uses programs that allow users to link to photos.
Videocast	Video recording of an event/speaker broadcast online through a media player or YouTube.
Wall	The space on a Facebook page displaying a user's updates, updates from "Friends," photos, etc. Items on a wall are "wall posts."
Web 2.0	Web 2.0 is a term which describes the trend in the use of World Wide Web technology and web design that aims to enhance creativity, information sharing, and, most notably, collaboration among users. These concepts have led to the development and evolution of web-based communities and hosted services, such as social-networking sites, wikis, blogs, and folksonomies.
Wiki	A collection of webpages where a large group of users can add and modify content (ex: Wikipedia). Think group writing on the web.
YouTube	YouTube is a video sharing website where users can upload, view and share video clips. www.youtube.com