

AN ON-LINE GATHERING TO REMEMBER

--an outline of an option to connect via Zoom in a way that invites people to share ...

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An intimate connection to remember, honour and celebrate = no recording

As gathered checked people's mics

Lighting of a candle (had a second camera focus on it)

A Blessing

Note: the break out rooms might be too complex ... but I am including the questions so you can see the types of focus you might include ... Instead of break out rooms you might give everyone a moment to think ... then ask for a few to share ...

Facilitated check in to greet each other ... in break out rooms so a smaller group ... question ... your name ... where your feet touch the ground ... share one of your favourite things about the one who has died

Invited voices from the different parts of their life – giving them time to speak without interruption (asked for 2 to 3 minutes ... most spoke longer) ... Others had chance to speak later.

Another round of break out rooms – in groups of 3 so the sharing could be deep with the question: "Share something about your relationship with the one who has died and the nature of it ... what gifts passed between you?"

A third small group conversation ... this one with the question "How might the wisdom of the one who has died guide us going forward at this time?"

Open conversation when some people could share with the whole group in a spontaneous way rather than planned.

A poem was read that had been written for the one who had died.

The memorial was completed with a slide show of photos.

Guests said good-byes with open mics for everyone followed by blowing out the candle together and a prayer for the well being of the one died.

While we might not want something this complex hopefully it provides an invitation to think creatively about a less formal way for people to connect than a full funeral.