

Welcome! And thank you so much for your interest in learning more about the Social Meeting. About 50 of you have signed up so far to be “in the loop” regarding Social Meetings being started at the New Market Church and elsewhere. I’m looking forward to our next steps!

Speaking of next steps, here’s the upcoming Social Meeting calendar:

**1. Sabbath afternoon, May 21, 2022, at 2:15 PM, in the Earliteen Room at the church: Social Meeting Orientation.** This meeting will be for anyone who wants to know more about how Social Meetings work in actual practice. Once we’ve gone over the basics (30-60 minutes, depending on how long Q & A lasts), we will hold a genuine Social Meeting (or Meetings, depending on how many people attend the orientation). The information and training provided will make your Social Meeting experience far more powerful than it would otherwise be! Please join us, if at all possible.

**2. The Sabbaths of June 11, 18, 25, and July 2 and 9: Social Meetings at the church and/or elsewhere on SVA’s campus.** Anyone may attend any of these Social Meetings. They will be our first steps in testing out how we see the Social Meeting taking place on our campus, long-term. The meetings will be held possibly during Sabbath School time, possibly on Sabbath afternoon, or possibly both (depending on the desires of those participating—in other words, location and time TBD at this point ☺). My hope is that the lessons we learn from this five-Sabbath experiment will help us prepare for holding regular Social Meetings beginning in Fall.

I am excited to see Social Meetings fly high on our campus! That’s why my journey has been a bit frustrating of late, because this time of year—at least from a human perspective—is a challenging time to try and start something new. Graduations are coming (both on our campus and elsewhere); vacations are coming (July and the first two weeks of August seem like nearly impossible times to plan anything of substance!); and then we’ll be right back into the robust schedule of the new school year, with the academic/social calendar resuming and all the blessed chaos that brings.☺

**But God has been at work in our church and on our campus!** He has brought us to this point in Revival & Reformation, and I do not feel comfortable questioning His timing. So...off we go! And I heartily encourage you to come with me as we learn about and experience the surprising effectiveness of the Social Meeting in growing us in Christ.

Lastly, a request: **If you would like to attend the May 21 Social Meeting Orientation, please contact me via text at 540-335-7178 or via email at [shane3146@gmail.com](mailto:shane3146@gmail.com).** This will help me to know how many copies of the materials for the meeting to prepare for that day.

Again, thank you for your interest in what God is doing here! And let’s keep praying for God’s will to be done as He revives and reforms us for His glory.

Pastor Shane