

## **WiFi in the Meetinghouse**

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Few Friends need their facility 24/7, i.e. we all have day jobs. So when renters find speedy WiFi, that can be a plus. I think Multnomah Meeting would agree. Friends like it also.

But lets take it to the next level: in some poorly served communities, just getting on the Internet at all is a challenge. Do they turn to the local library? To the parking lot of the local McDonald's more likely, or Starbucks. Why not the church?

Housing projects may not have WiFi. . .

So could churches really play a role? Even legally?

Many already host cell towers, hidden in their steeples.

Line-of-sight microwave is what it'd take to give poor parishioners the better bandwidth they need to keep up with their studies. Circumvent those greedy \$100/month cable guys. Not every refugee has that kind of dough.