



Thank you for your interest in organizing a table for our VISION 2021 Virtual Banquet!

You can host a table different ways: (1) “Gathered!” Actually invite friends to a central location, such as a home, a church, or an office space or other place of business, and gather around a TV screen that can connect to the internet. This gathering could include a time of light refreshment (or a meal) before the 7:00 pm start time. There is even a musical interlude in our program when refreshments or dessert can be shared! (2) “Scattered!” If you wanted to invite family and friends to experience the banquet at their own homes in different locations, you can send an invitation, and when they confirm, we will send both to you and to your guests the online link for viewing the banquet. (3) “Both!” Obviously, you can gather some in a central location, and also include in your “table invitation” those who live outside your area or who are COVID-cautious and prefer to participate online.

Those hosting in a “Gathered” format, are encouraged to thoughtfully invite family and friends into your home or other location for an evening together! We encourage you to utilize your practical viewing space (observing COVID regulations), and view this event as a time of fellowship that will be a blessing for your guests.

When inviting your guests, please make sure they are fully aware that this is a fundraising event. Whether they are current supporters of the C.S. Lewis Society or first-time observers hearing about our ministry, they will walk away with an enlightened vision and an opportunity to link arms as we advance disciple-making for the Kingdom of God! No gift is too small, and every gift advances the work of Christ.

As a host, keep in mind these key points. First, always link to [www.apologetics.org/banquet/](http://www.apologetics.org/banquet/), to get to our main banquet page. Once you are there, click on the registration button to fill out a registration form for you and your guests, so we can send everyone a reminder a week before the event.

A week before the February 18<sup>th</sup> banquet, you will receive a link to the program to view in your home with your guests, or to send on to your guests that cannot be present. Please be sure that you and your guests have access to view the program on a TV or computer with internet connection. Obviously, a large screen TV is ideal!

Also, hosting does not have to be complicated, or even centralized. If you choose, you may use the “Scattered” approach and host this event virtually, by sending the provided link to your guests to watch whenever is most convenient for them, on or after February 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you choose to provide food prior to the event, here are a few ideas for ways to host your guests:

- Sit down/buffet dinner - i.e. spaghetti dinner, soups or chili, taco bar, small deli sandwiches/salad
- Appetizers (hot/cold) and dessert/coffee/tea
- Coffee/tea and dessert
- Light snacks and beverage (nuts, Chex mix, popcorn, chips)
- Cheese/cracker tray
- Veggie/fruit tray
- Any combination of the above (see P.S. below for an array of resources on ideas)

Your choice of hosting style will determine what time you ask your guests to arrive. The official program will start at 7:00 pm and go until 8:30 pm with a pre-show beginning at 6:45 pm.

Here's a sketch of how the evening will unfold:

5:15-6:45 pm - Dinner/Food/Fellowship [Optional—for "Gathered" Tables]

(Please allow 1-1.5 hours for this phase depending on your hosting style.)

6:45-7:00 pm - Introduction/Prayer, Banquet Link goes "live"!

Host restates purpose/vision of event, introduces pre-show.

7:00-8:30 pm - Program (10-minute Keith and Kristyn Getty musical interlude halfway through)

As we close out the evening, the C.S. Lewis Society will ask your guests to prayerfully consider financially partnering with us in all that God is doing through our ministry.

We would like you to know that you are valued, and we are encouraged by your help to make this event possible. Blessings on you as you begin planning this evening, in an act of worship, to further the Kingdom!

*The C. S. Lewis Society Hospitality Team*

**P.S.** If you need tips on how to host a party and/or need menu suggestions, please refer to the links below. Websites like Pinterest always have ideas for different ways to host events, depending on your style and budget. Explore different ideas. The sky's the limit and have fun. (Disclaimer: Since these sites are not produced by the C. S. Lewis Society, they are meant to give you ideas only.)

Hospitality tips: <https://susiedavis.org/10-easy-steps-to-host-a-dinner-party-and-talk-about-god/>

How to be a stress-free happy hostess: <https://quiethollow.com/how-to-be-a-stress-free-happy-hostess/>

How to host a dinner party: <https://www.humorandgrace.com/blog/host-dinner-party>

Nacho Bar: <https://www.momsandmunchkins.ca/nacho-bar/>

Soup Party: <https://thetomkatstudio.com/2016/11/soupparty/>

Appetizer Party: <https://www.bhg.com/recipes/party/appetizers/appetizers-only-dinner-party-finger-food-ideas-more/>

Coffee Bar: <https://celebrationsathomeblog.com/autumn-entertaining-how-to-set-up-a-coffee-bar/>

Dessert Buffet: <https://practicallyhomemade.com/how-to-plan-a-dessert-buffet/>