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All right, I don't know about you, but I am ready to register a domain name. If you've never done this before, this will be new but not Earth shattering. Maybe Earth shattering. It may change your life forever. So let's get started.

We're going to head over here to <http://cozort.net/webcourselinks>. We're going to scroll on down here to the bottom, to the last one on the list and that's going to be hostway.com. If you want to just type it in directly, we're going to go ahead and click this link because that is going to take us directly to the domain name registration page on host way.com. We're going to do a search for hometownchurchofchrist.com. We're just going to leave that selected and it will come up with the results. Now, you can of course supply your own domain name for whatever the name of your congregation is.

If a particular domain name is not available, they will supply you other ideas. They will supply you with other endings and you can hit this button right here and have them show you all the endings that they work with. And you'll notice some of them are different prices. That is because of the registration fees required for those endings. We're going to skip back over here to the main section and we're just going to leave it on.com now I will let you know, you can select multiple ones if you need for instance.com and.org uh, you can get both of those at the same time and not have to uh, not have to go through this process twice. So we're going to go in here with the.com address and we're going to proceed to billing.

Okay, so we're here on the next page. We're going to fill in our customer information. I've already done that. A couple of notes is here in the company area. Go ahead and put the congregation's name so that this is, is shown as a belonging to them. Even if you're putting your name here in the first and last name area, go ahead and put the churches name in the a in the company area so that people know this belongs to them. And if they ever have to call, they can say, Hey, I'm a member of such and such Church of Christ and this is a way to prove that, that this belongs to them and isn't just your personal property. Also do the same thing with the email address. If you have to use your own, use your own. But if you don't have to, if you have a way to be able to register this through an address that is available to the congregation or other members of the congregation, like the elders, go ahead and put that information in there so that someone else someday in the future, if you're not at the congregation anymore can still administrate this stuff and, and not need to be able to call you or dig up your phone number just to be able to log in and, and solve a problem.

Go ahead and, supply a username. Again, I recommend make it something that's generic enough so that other people can use it. And you'll notice over here on the right hand side, I'm creating a text document with a reference to all of the things that I'm using within this process so that I have documentation. I can supply that to the congregation, even in a locked file drawer in a filing cabinet in the office or something like that, where people will be able to come back to this and go, Aha, I know how to log in because documentation was actually done. You will never be sorry that you wrote this down. Uh, unless of course that document gets stolen and somebody does something nefarious with it, but that's highly unlikely. Write it down, print it off, keep it, give it to whoever needs to have a copy of it and then keep it updated.

If you do it now and then you change all the passwords later and you never update it, that doesn't do any good. So make sure you keep it around and make sure that you updated as needed or you know, make addendums to it. Who knows. Uh, but, but keep the information accurate. So we're going to put in

our email address. We're going to put in our credit card information. We're going to put in a password here and we're going to put in a username and we're going to document all of this. We're going to agree to the terms of uh, creating this a service agreement and everything being equal here. We're going to submit the order. Okay. I just noticed something new. Um, they've got an address verification process here. We're gonna hop over here to our email account. We should get a total of five emails from host way.

Two of them will say from support and uh, three of them will come from the billing department. You'll notice the support ones are the ones that you need immediately. You need to click on that one and hit confirm email from email. Make sure that you do that. You don't want to have this problem later on where you didn't confirm your email address. Most of the companies that we register with to create this website, we'll have a process like this to validate your email address and then we need to click on this other one and as well click here to verify your email address. Okay, so we've done that twice. That's important. Make sure that you click both of those verification buttons so that we make sure this works. And uh, we've got our domain name registered correctly. Now that we've done that, we're going to come back over here to host way.com.

And we're going to log in to actually manage our domain name. So we're going to log in and we need this button right here under web hosting an email we need host way site control. Since we wrote down the username and the password, we can just copy and paste that information in and not have to type it a thousand times. So that's just one more reason why we go ahead and write this stuff down and document it as we go along. Once we log in, we need to go to this domain name area and you'll notice here's our domain name.

We do want to take just a moment and notice a couple of things about hostway.com and our domain registrar. Just so you know where these things are. If you find your domain name here in the list of domains that you own through them or have registered through them, you can click edit.

Once you click edit, you will see a number of different details about your domain. One of them is your registering contact information and then the other is this domain lock area. You'll notice mine says that the domain is currently locked. That keeps the, it's an extra layer of protection to keep your domain from being transferred away from host way, either accidentally or nefariously. So you can come in here and hit edit. If your says unlock, you can click locked. If your domain is not set to auto renew, turn auto renew on and you can specify the number of years that it will be turned on. They will still contact you to, prompt you to let you know that they're going to renew it. They won't just do it without letting you know. So we're going to click update now. Click back to overview. We will come in and we'll talk about name servers, in another video, but we will come back and change this name server reference if you choose to use my recommendation, a foreign name server service, and that is cloudflare. We'll explain more of that later. If you ever need to come in and do anything to, the advanced DNS settings, they are right here.

And that will allow you to supply things like an, a record, a c name, or a text record. So that is Hostway. We have finished creating our domain name and we're on to the next step.