



Congregational Meeting FAQ for SAPC and QHPC

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1. Who is Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church?

QHPC is located at 8801 Park Road, south of the Quail Corners Shopping Center and north of South Mecklenburg HS. It sits on 9 acres of its own land, adjacent to the Southminster Retirement Community. Additional facts about QHPC:

- Founded in 1970 (when they moved from Pineville)
- Rooted in traditional, reformed worship with a strong music program.
- Hosting an established, vibrant ½ day preschool program
- Declining congregation (membership peaked in 1999 at 330)
- Membership of 107+/- with approximately 70 who are active.
- 65% of the congregation is older than 70 years, less than 10% are under 40, 6-9 children and youth.
- Nice, functional facilities and infrastructure (although aging)
- Distressed income statement, strong balance sheet
- Longtime pastor, Gus Succop, retired in 2019 after more than 25 years.
- Bryan Hovey served as interim pastor from October 2019 to June 2023.
- Rev. Amantha Barbee served from October 2022 through June 2023. Her departure was unexpected.
- QHPC claims 'a people problem, more than an asset/financial problem.'
- Identity Markers: accepting, relational, caring, table oriented, willing, hopeful, discerning, friendly, tenacious.
- Strengths: music, preschool, proximity, land, hospitality, fellowship, commitment to each other and Christ.

2. Why would Quail Hollow (PC) want to merge with Selwyn Avenue (PC)?

Quail Hollow's congregation and Session are deeply faithful as they have been diligently working and praying for God to reveal a hopeful path toward the future. SAPC and QHPC share many of the same values and hopes. While QHPC is not dying, they do not currently have the capacity to thrive and grow. While Selwyn's mission and vision is intriguing to QHPC, they have many gifts for ministry and a willingness to share those gifts, along with their assets of location and land, for the opportunity to impact the world in a transformative way. SAPC offers a dynamic, intergenerational community with engaged leadership and a bold vision. QHPC is less interested in hanging onto the past than following Christ into the future. Our interactions have been joyful and faithful.

3. If SAPC and QHPC merge, would SAPC's congregation or CDC move locations?

No. If SAPC and QHPC were to merge, Selwyn's thriving congregation and CDC would continue to worship and gather at 2929 Selwyn Avenue. A merger would create one church (with one vision) on two unique campuses. Eventually various opportunities for worship, mission, and programming could exist on both campuses.

4. Does worship change at SAPC if there is a merger?

No. While a merger with Quail Hollow would present enhanced opportunities to share in worship (as experienced in Advent, Christmas, and Lent), traditional worship at SAPC will not change.

5. What is the financial risk or impact to SAPC by merging with QHPC?

As far as we know, a merger with QHPC presents no financial risk to SAPC. If SAPC's Session decides to fully research the opportunity, the Planning Committee (of the Session's Administration Group) will work closely with leaders at Quail Hollow and the Presbytery to fully understand the financial implications of such a merger. QHPC carries no debt and presents great potential to exhibit God's Reign based on their south Charlotte location. Existing worship and programming at QHPC would be sustained by QHPC's stewardship and funding. New initiatives would be financed by revenue sources generated through partnerships, grants, and the creative development of Quail Hollow's extensive campus, not SAPC's operating budget.

6. What would the staffing model be if the congregations were to merge?

While QHPC does not have the financial capacity to pay for a full-time installed pastor, QHPC has been paying Selwyn for 12-hours/week of pastoral leadership. Whoever provides that leadership will be an essential member of SAPC's staff. Creating efficiencies through collaboration will ensure QHPC has consistent, high-quality worship without taxing or distracting SAPC's team.

7. What might be possible if Selwyn Avenue merges with Quail Hollow?

In loose dreaming some ideas have been shared between QHPC and SAPC. *You might have some to add to the list!*

- A multipurpose QHPC campus redeveloped with community and corporate partnerships and funding.
- Expanded childcare programs on either/ both campuses:
 - A bilingual preschool for children attending Montclair, Selwyn, Pinewood, Collinswood, other area schools, and our congregations.
 - A new or additional CDC with a sliding fee scale, so those who are underserved have access to care.
- Youth mental health care, suicide prevention, and support groups for middle and high school youth such as Quail Hollow MS, Alexander Graham MS, Myers Park HS, and South Mecklenburg HS.
- Shared community and outdoor space with Southminster Retirement community and local neighbors.
- Affordable and mixed-income housing.
- Wrap-around services for underserved families attending Montclair and other schools near QHPC.
- Additional sites for RITI and other mission endeavors.
- Additional worship (different style and time) to complement existing services at QHPC and SAPC.
- Expanded and collaborative opportunities for programming (i.e. men's groups, PW women, choirs, Bible studies, youth events, senior gatherings, etc.)

8. How can I participate in the process?

- Intentional prayer and discernment about God's will for SAPC and QHPC.
- Connect with a Thriving Congregations or Planning Team member to schedule a one-on-one relational meeting and share *your* passions, hopes, ideas, and questions about Selwyn Avenue's future.
- Attend worship, engage in the life of our congregation, volunteer at Montclair Elementary School or join a leadership committee at SAPC.
- Please connect with any member of the Planning Team, Thriving Congregations, or Rev. Lori Raible.