



November 25th, 2023

Hello SAPC Youth and Parents,

I hope this email finds you all well. And a very Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

February 2024 will mark the start of my 5th year on staff at Selwyn; time sure does fly when you are having fun! And God sure does have a sense of humor; it's hard to believe that in January 2020, I signed a six-month temporary supply contract (from Switzerland) to serve as Selwyn's interim director for youth. Here we are four years later, and last week, I had the privilege of celebrating my second ordination anniversary.

Serving as one of your pastors and getting the opportunity to live life with your families has been the greatest gift!

This December is another exciting milestone as I celebrate ten years of youth ministry work. Somehow, ten years ago, a church in Memphis, TN, took a risk on a 20-year-old girl with no experience and hired her to serve as a youth director; little did I know what God would have planned for the next ten years!

God is doing a new thing at Selwyn and in my life, and I wanted to share the news with you all. Over the last two years, I have felt a stirring in my soul that God might be calling me to try new things and might be calling me to use the gifts he has given me in new ways. I feel truly blessed that Selwyn's Personnel Committee and Session faithfully met me in my season of discernment, and I feel beyond blessed and excited to share with you all that I am not going anywhere!! God is doing a new thing not only in my life but also in the life of this congregation.

This week, Selwyn will announce a staffing restructure and the exciting news that an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been formed to search for a 3rd full-time pastor to join our team. The team does not have an official timeline for when this new pastor will be called, but in God's timing, this pastor will be called to serve as Selwyn's New Associate Pastor for Mission and Youth. When this new pastor arrives, I will transition into my new role as Associate Pastor for Christian Education and Congregational Life.

Internal restructuring like this is often a rare gift for pastors. I am grateful to be able to continue my ministry journey with you all.

While I am unbelievably excited about what God has planned, I would be lying if I didn't also acknowledge the grief and growing pains that come with any career shift. As my ministry areas change, I want you all to know that I am always here for you, and I am dedicated and determined to continue building a thriving program for our youth.

If you have any questions about the transition, please don't hesitate to ask.

I'm hopeful and thankful because this church is full of love and made up of people overflowing with creativity and energy. I'm confident because y'all are the church, and with an even stronger team, we will continue to do God's work together.

I am hopeful and prayerful that God will lead a fantastic person and pastor to this church, and I am thankful and excited for what God has planned for all of us.

Sending big hugs and lots of love,

Margo Fraga