

Tomorrow is our last Sabbath service at Mayflower Congregational Church



Goodbye Mayflower

For over 15 years Mayflower Congregation has been our home for our public Sabbath services as well as daily prayer services, weekly meetings, and so much more. Tomorrow will be our last corporate service there. I'm generally not a sentimental person, but I will be a bit sad to leave as we transition as a community to different corporate meeting spaces. Both of my kids were baptized there, and we have had many other special services: memorial services, weddings, vow renewals, eating together, a 24-7 prayer room that went on for 40 days, and a multitude of classes on a number of different

topics. It was very encouraging for me to have a prayer time a couple of months ago where we reminisced and thanked YHWH for how He had blessed us at Mayflower.

In the Lighthouse we have met in six main places over the course of our time together so far: we started out in Cushing Park and then met in the home I rented on south Bannock; we then moved to the old Bishop Elementary school on Friday nights, and then shifted to meeting at Mayflower. We also had stints of meetings at the HOPE prayer house above the Casual Lounge and at our previous home on Dartmouth. While I can appreciate what God did in a particular location, it's the people and what God did in and through them which made the location special. And now as I look back on the different places where I've gathered with other saints, there's an appreciation but not an attachment. The biggest ache and sadness comes from the goodbyes that have come as people died or shifted into new assignments on their journey.

In closing, I think these shifts most punctuate a yearning for a future time when there will be no more sad goodbyes. When Yeshua returns there will no longer be a need for these goodbyes as the world radically shifts, and we're with Him and our fellow saints forever. It is then that we as Believers will have our new resurrected bodies on a new earth with godly leadership and no more corruption or wickedness. At that time there will be a great reunion! I long for that coming day and know that until then there will be many other meeting locations that we as Believers meet together in. May Yah bless us in being a part of seeing many men, women, boys and girls come to know Him and as a result connect with us and other saints regularly for encouragement and to worship Him together. I'm excited about the coming days and even moreso that coming Day. Maranatha!