

Multi-Site FAQs

Lead Church: Living Hope

Joining Church: First Baptist Doylestown

What is a multi-site church?

The word multi-site was created in the late 20th century to describe one church in multiple locations.

What does this “merger” mean? What do you mean by a church “rebirth”?

We will become one congregation. One church in two locations. This merger is a “rebirth” which is defined as a struggling or dying church which gets a second life by being restarted under a stronger, vibrant and larger church. In this scenario Living Hope is the leading church and First Baptist Church of Doylestown is the joining church.

Why is Living Hope moving to a multi-site model?

The call of Jesus was “to go into all nations and preach the gospel.” Living Hope feels that this call is not only to the individual but also for the church as a body. We feel that the best way to be a good steward of our resources is to replicate the Living Hope model of Relational Discipleship. It is our goal to leverage many of the resources of Living Hope in the advancement of the multi-site model. We feel that we can reach more people with the message of Jesus Christ by opening or reopening churches in specific communities.

Who will lead the church in Doylestown?

Both locations will be governed by a single elder board. Eugene Miller will serve as Lead Pastor and a Campus Pastor will be hired to lead the Doylestown Campus. All current First Baptist Church of Doylestown members will be given several opportunities to become members of Living Hope.

Will the name of First Baptist Church change? What will the name of the new location in Doylestown be?

The name of the church will be Living Hope Community Church and we will use the geographic locations as specific identifiers. Living Hope Community Church - Doylestown Campus and Living Hope Community Church - Dublin Campus.

Will I get to attend a different church or location?

Different church, “no”. Different location, “perhaps”. We have identified individuals and Life Groups in specific geographic locations to support the effort in bringing our Relational Discipleship DNA to our new campuses. If asked, you do not have to go. If not asked you may certainly go.

Will my experience at another campus be different from our experience in Dublin?

Our goal is, and will continue to be, the replication of the current model of how we “do church”. As a result much of the experience will be very similar to Living Hope Dublin. Sunday programming will be almost identical at both campuses.

Will there be financial costs associated with the launch of the new campus? Will there be a need to raise funds for this initiative?

Yes. There will be a number of costs associated with the rebirth of the Doylestown campus. Upon a vote of affirmation the finance team will be launching a campaign to raise approximately \$600,000. These funds will be used to refresh the building and address several current facility issues. All facility upgrades will be done with regard to creating relational environments for the purpose of discipleship.