

New Hope Family Church will sublease our Melford building to a Guest Church

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After looking for many months, thanks to Pastor Boothby's advertisement, New Hope Family (NHF) found a small local church that is ready to sublease our space at Melford. The principle reason to sublease our Melford space is to offset our high rental costs. On average, our total monthly expenses are almost 10 percent higher than our income (primarily tithing), because of our high rental costs.

On Tuesday, in a meeting with their representatives we drafted a letter of intent (LOI) with the following schedule (see below). They are ready to start the sublease as soon as December 17. We are now preparing a sublease contract underwritten by HSA-UWC, which represents New Hope Family legally.

St. John's Properties, our landlord, has approved a sublease and gave us the sublease template. Pastor Boothby and the council will present this matter to the New Hope Family congregation this coming Sunday in a special segment at the end of the service. In summary, our guest church's schedule of usage would be mostly compatible with our use of the Melford center. This Sunday, we invite you to ask any questions you may have.

After this Sunday, with the community's support, we will be ready to *sign the LOI*, to *finalize the sublease contract* with help from HSA-UWC's legal department; to *submit it to St. John's Properties*, and with their approval we will *sign the sublease*. This opportunity is a godsend to grow our financial base, as well as provide a service to a fellow Christian community.

For this to be successful, we need to work together to be aware of our guest church's needs during the time we are not using the building. They are willing to be flexible. Let us embrace our Christian brothers and sisters into the house of True Parents.

Thank you!

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NHF Council Chair

Schedule of usage at Melford:

- **Sundays:** Guest church will use the whole building from 2 pm - 7 pm -- except the back-corner baby room, which will be locked. NHF can use this rear corner room, with its back door. In addition, the storage room beside it, which contains all Sunday school material, will be locked.
- **Tuesdays:** Guest church will use the window café from 6 pm - 10 pm; Guest church band will practice in the chapel. NHF can use other rooms.
- **Fridays:** Guest church will use the sanctuary from 11 pm - 2 am for prayer meetings and the window café from 7 pm. NHF (youth group) will use the sanctuary and other rooms every Friday evening until 11 pm.
- **Saturdays:** One Saturday per month (flexible) - afternoon or morning ... some classrooms. NHF (young adults) will use the main chapel three to four Saturdays per month from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

- **Seonghwa, ceremonies (holy days):** Main Chapel needs to be made available/has priority for NHF on **Saturdays** for Blessing, Seonghwa ceremonies and other special events, on case by case basis by consent.

Room usage addendum (to be finalized):

- **3-5-year old room:** It would be best to lock it, because it has supplies, puzzles, etc. and the bathroom contains the youth ministry storage. The bathroom needs to be locked in any case.
- **“Library” (second room from front):** It contains a double bookshelf. It could be left open with the promise that books would not be taken without permission.
- **Kitchen:** The kitchen use will be clarified with ECG representatives.

