

THE CHURCH IN ROHNERT PARK
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HISTORY

The Church in Rohnert Park began with saints who were living in the North Bay and meeting in Novato. In December 2015, when saints migrated to the Rohnert Park / Santa Rosa area, the meeting was moved to Rohnert Park with a focus on Sonoma State University. At that time the churches in Northern California purchased a property located immediately across the street from the University's main entrance and student dorms. The property provides housing for a host family and SSU students. It also has a meeting room for up to 60 people. We currently have a team of five full-timers who labor on the campus.

CURRENT CHURCH LIFE

The Church in Rohnert Park currently consists of 35 active adults with a typical Lord's Day attendance of 30. There are 10 mature, experienced couples (many with 40+ years in the church life) who provide a solid foundation for the church life. We have a warm, friendly, close-knit, people-oriented church life in the homes. There are seven small groups (6-8 in a group) that meet on various nights of the week. We intentionally meet in smaller groups to encourage more mutuality and shepherding care. A number of these small groups are focused on caring for student contacts.

CAMPUS WORK

The campus work is focused on Sonoma State University (SSU) with around 9,000 students. SSU attracts a larger portion of its students from smaller towns and cities throughout California. A good number come from more conservative areas such as the central valley or far north where families hold more traditional values and still respect the Bible. The campus team currently has 5 full-timers. The coordination of the team is sweet and positive and is closely supported by a number of community saints who are active in prayer, meal preparation, and hosting of small groups.

OUR BURDEN

Our burden is to gain typical Americans (Caucasian, Hispanic, and African American) and spread the Lord's testimony throughout the North Bay subregion. Typical Americans make up over 90% of the population of Sonoma County and at least 80% of the SSU student body. We especially want to bear fruit among the college students and young families.

OUR NEED

We have a great need for more young working saints, especially young couples and families. Although we have many mature, experienced saints, we are short of the young couples who could care for students and bridge them into the church life. We also need young families in order to gain other young families from the community.

OUR GOAL

We feel that the migration of 5 additional young couples and younger families with small children over the next 2 years would strengthen our testimony to a level that would provide a good impact to this area.