



Dear Friends,

It is with deep sadness and great disappointment that we are writing to announce that our current registration will not support moving forward this year. The Board of Directors has decided that New Hope will not be able to offer courses for the academic year 2022-2023.

We know that this will come as a shock to many of us, and we share your dismay. New Hope has always been a shoestring organization, and we have had a difficult few years with increased costs and decreased registrations. After our recent annual summer assessment of the numbers, we were faced with the reality that we don't have the registrations necessary this year to be able to fund the entire academic year. Due to our love for New Hope and our desire to see it continue if possible, we wanted to take the necessary time after a full picture of this information came to light to wrestle with all of our options and to continue to receive new registrations over the last few weeks before making a final decision. At the same time, we wanted to make sure not to wait so long to make a decision that there was not enough time for our families and staff to make alternate plans. Though this was truly a devastating decision, we could not in good conscience move forward with a year that we were not confident that we could finish. Please know that countless hours were spent to carefully evaluate all of our options, and that all decisions were made with the best interest of our families and staff as our top priority. We understand that many homeschooling families rely on New Hope to complete their child's homeschooling education, and we are terribly sorry for the disappointment, inconvenience, and pain that this will cause our students and families. Please know that we will also be refunding your registration fees as quickly as we can.

Our prayer through this process is that the Lord would provide for our families, whether through New Hope or elsewhere. With that in mind, understanding that most of you are likely looking for in-person alternatives to your current New Hope registrations, we want to let you know of a few options:

- We are currently in discussions with our New Hope instructors and workshop leaders to see if any of them would like to continue to offer their courses as private offerings at an alternate location. If your instructor decides to do so, they will contact you with an initial email gauging interest no later than next Friday, August 5th.
- As you know, there are many resources, both old and new, that also provide courses for homeschoolers. You may find some of these listed on websites like [HSLDA](#) or [MassHOPE](#). While these are not recommendations per se, consider them resources to explore.
- Historically, some local Christian schools have offered hybrid programs for homeschoolers, and older students often are able to take dual-enrollment courses at local colleges, including Gordon College, North Shore Community College, and Northern Essex Community College.

We understand that you may want to speak with New Hope staff (or even simply hug and grieve together). While we may not be able to answer all of your questions, we want to make ourselves available to you. For that reason, we have created this [sign-up document](#) to help guarantee that a staff member will be available to you for an in-person meeting. Please note that due to next week's excessive heat and New Hope's lack of air conditioning, meetings will be held at nearby Cafe Sarina in Georgetown.

Even as we grieve that our courses will not be able to run this coming year, we thank God for New Hope and the fruit that it has borne over these many years. We praise him for the learning that's happened and the community that has been formed. We thank God that it allowed us to get to know all of you. As we go in faith into these next steps, may the Lord bless you and keep you, and give you peace.

In Christ,

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