

Timeline:

April 2022, dying Sugarloaf merges with vibrant Fountain, a church planted in 2012. Sugarloaf needed people/money; Fountain needed a campus.

November 2023: The Fountain at Sugarloaf has voted to disaffiliate and is presented to the Annual Conference by the trustees for disaffiliation. Vocal Sugarloaf members complain loudly, "If we knew this is what would happen, we never would have voted to merge." Conference narrowly defeats disaffiliation.

February 2024: The Fountain folks went back to worshipping in an elementary school and disaffiliated anyway, leaving the handful of Sugarloaf people with a campus they can't afford. The conference starts paying the mortgage.

May 2024: Sugarloaf votes to close. The Conference trustees decide to move the conference HQ to the campus. The conference can no longer afford to build the new HQ it planned in 2020.