



40
days of
community

FAQ's

MCC Toronto's 2011 Lenten Study
40 Days of Community!
It's only in community
that we learn life's most important lesson
... how to love one another.

What is this "40 Days of Community" thing?

40 Days of Community is a program of small group ministry, that will enable participants to grow in spiritual maturity, to help deepen authentic community within our church, and to reach out beyond our walls to our community.

When & Where is this happening?

During Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 9) and ends with Easter (April 24). Small groups will meet for six sessions during those six weeks, at various times and places to be determined. We hope to have a whole bunch of groups running during Lent, on different days, at different times and locations. Sign up, and we will find a group that meets your needs. As for where... Lots of places in our community! Some groups will meet at MCC Toronto. Some may meet in people's homes.

Who is facilitating these groups?

Each of the groups will be facilitated by some of our Deacons, or others who volunteer. (Deacons are responsible for our church's program of responsive pastoral care.) But how about you? You could volunteer to lead a group!

What can I do?

Commit to attending a mere six group meetings. Reflect on the readings and devotionals. Group meetings will consist of a short DVD, some time of discussion and learning. Some time for sharing. Also, each group will decide on some community service or outreach project that they will do together. These projects may be as varied as feeding the hungry, ministering to the elderly, adopting an abused women and children's shelter, doing a neighbourhood cleanup, helping with community garden plots, collecting food for PWAs – the possibilities are unlimited and the rewards immense!

How much does it cost?

A mere \$25.00, which includes a study guide and devotional. Some scholarship assistance may be available, and you don't have to pay until the groups start (but you can pay in advance if you want to).

What will I gain from this experience?

We do better together! From the beginning, God put us in relationship with others, and it is in relationship that we can fulfill our life's purpose – in relationship with our loved ones, with our church family, and with the world around us. We were never meant to live out God's purposes in solitude. 40 Days of Community will help move us toward spiritual maturity and a meaningful life, revealing how the Holy uses us and others for the benefit of us all. Participants will also receive a devotional/journal book, and a study guide.

How will this benefit our community?

Lives will be touched, practical needs will be met, relationships will be grown, spirits will soar, and MCC Toronto will become known more for the caring it shows to all!

Where can I get more info?

For more info, contact Rev. Deana Dudley, DDudley@MCCToronto.com, or 416-406-6228, ext. 130



Sign up NOW for our 2011 Lenten Study Groups!

Please place this form in the offering plate
or turn it in at the Information Centre.

_____ Yes! I want to be part of a 40 Days of Community group!

I am usually a part of the _____ 9:00 am _____ 11:00 am _____ 7:00 pm congregation.
(Some groups will be organized around these congregations, so you can study and work with the people you go to church with!)

My preferred day(s)/time(s) are (check all that apply):

Weekday Evenings:

_____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday

Sundays:

_____ 9:30 am (for those who usually attend the 11:00 am service)
_____ 10:30 am (for those who usually attend the 9:00 am service)
_____ 5:00 pm (for those who usually attend the 7:00 pm service)

Other (please specify):

_____ I would be willing to lead a group. (Training and materials provided!)

_____ I would be willing to host a group (6-10 people) in my home.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____