



Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto

Children’s Ministry Overview

Children’s Ministry is a mission program of the church operated by volunteers with one hired Children’ Church Teacher. Mission programs are developed with MCC Toronto’s Congregational Life Team who ensure the program respects the Core Values and Bedrock Beliefs of MCC Toronto. Team members are bound by MCC Toronto’s Code of Conduct.

Our Vision

“To provide a place to conduct Sunday School that is safe, clean and conducive to learning”

“To provide a vehicle for the children of the congregation that fosters knowledge of, and respect for, all religions – in an environment that is interesting, fun and that connects to the seasonal journey of the church”

Programs

Children’s Church is offered weekly during 11:00 service for children **4 –9 yrs** and **10-15 yrs** from September to July, with a break in August. We involve the children in the life of the church through participation in special events such as Children’s Christmas and Easter Service and also partner with other MCC Toronto teams such as Dances of Universal Peace, planting bulbs with the Garden Faeries, and BEAT during Black History month to help children grow within MCC Toronto.

Children’s Church

Lesson plans are fun, interactive and inclusive, reflecting MCC Toronto’s values within a framework of social justice. Children are divided into 2 groups, 4-9 yrs and 10-15 yrs where the MCC Teen Curriculum is used. Children are always in the presence of at least two adults. **Food/beverage** is sometimes a part of the class. Parents must remain in the church in case of an emergency (please keep your cell phone on vibrate in case we need to urgently reach you).

Attendance

We would love to have your children join us at Children’s Church every week, but we understand families have a lot going on, and cannot always attend. No matter how often your child can attend, be assured they will always be welcomed with open arms.

Fractals

Along with our hired Children’s Church Teacher, these 4 volunteer teams work together to bring the Ministry alive:

Communications	Fundraising	Curriculum	Volunteer Coordination
Facilitates communication (a) between team members and (b) between the team and the congregation, for example, through Sunday News monthly article submissions, brochures, and email updates.	Coordinates and oversees a large fundraising initiative that provides sufficient funds to hire one paid Children’s Church Teacher year-round.	Responsible for program development and planning with our teacher and volunteers, with regards to our lesson plans and our Teen Curriculum	Works with MCC Toronto’s Coordinator of Volunteer & Engagement and ensures that all volunteers are trained properly and are happy in their roles.

Volunteers

We would love to have you join us!! No matter how much time you can commit, there are many ways you can help. We respect the precious time and energy of our volunteers and ensure they remain involved and valued. Speak to one of our team members or contact MCC Toronto’s Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Newman at cnewman@mccutoronto.com or 416-406-6228 Ext.126

Questions, Comments, Ideas?

If you want any further information about our programs or volunteering please speak to any member of the team or you can contact the Team at the email address below. We are always available to speak to you and hear your ideas for the Ministry. As you discuss Children’s Church with your child and questions/ideas arise do not hesitate to contact us!

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