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Sunday News

Morning edition

VIBRANT INCLUSIVE PROGRESSIVE



Announcing Our New Vision For The Future

About 15 years ago, MCC Toronto undertook the DNA Project as a means to articulate our Vision, Mission, Bedrock Beliefs, and Core Values. Our Bedrock Beliefs and Core Values continue to have resonance to this day.

While our current Mission Statement - to build bridges with a vibrant spirituality that transforms lives and transforms the world – continues to define what we do, our thinking as a Board was that our current Vision – to become Canada's leading progressive diverse community of faith – was lacking in aspiration.

To address this, the Board and senior staff gathered recently to refresh our Vision Statement. Our goal was to articulate a new Vision that provided an aspirational roadmap of what we seek to become, a foundation for priority setting and an anchor for decision-making.

Through our deliberations, we considered MCC Toronto's work as

a Spiritual Community (vibrant, inclusive and progressive worship) and as a Human Rights Centre (our LGBTQ2+ Refugee Program and the Triangle Program), etc.

But what are we called to become? What is our road map for the future?

After much reflection and hard work, we are proud to introduce MCC Toronto's new Vision Statement:

MCC Toronto's VISION is to be a growing, inclusive, spiritual community that creates a just, kind, and loving world for all.

Our hope is that this new Vision with our continuing Mission will help guide us as we continue to build on our strong foundation and strive to be the church God calls us to be.

**Lori Boyce and Andrew Fleming,
Co-Vice Moderators - MCC
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Offertory Performer

The Choir boasts an eclectic combination of singers, a true community of diverse individuals, whose love of music brings them together every week for rehearsals and services. Under the outstanding leadership of Diane Leah, The Choir is an integral part of Sunday morning worship at MCC Toronto. Choir members are fully dedicated to the Music Ministry, donating over a thousand volunteer hours in an average month, singing within the church walls and outside them at various events. Members of The Choir always enjoy rising to a challenge, consistently committing to regular worship and fundraising and outreach opportunities. The Choir's three CDs, House of Love, Connected: Songs for the Heart, and These Old Walls are available at the information desk in the social hall, and online on iTunes.

Music Director: Diane Leah

Order of Service

At the ❖ symbol, please rise as you are able.

Welcome

Hand of Friendship

Prelude

Turn The World
Around - The Choir

Moment of Silence

❖ **Call To Worship**

Come Build A Church

❖ **Opening Prayer**

Theme Conversation

Anthem

Salmo 15 – The Choir

Time of

Reconciliation

Prayer of

Reconciliation

Affirmation of

Freedom

Invitation to

Anointing

Adiemus - The Choir

Sacred Readings

Acts 2:1-11

Acts 2:12-18

Lessons for Life

Young People Have

Vision And Elders

Have Dreams – Rev.

Jeff Rock

Spirit Of The Living
God

**Prayers of the
People**

❖ **Jesus' Prayer**

Offertory

Son De Camaguey -
The Choir

Gathering Our Gifts

Our Journey of Faith

Blessing of Gifts

Holy Communion

Give Us This Day

Wind Of The Spirit

We Come To Thee

Alleluia (Traditional)

❖ **Because You Live**

❖ **Benediction**

❖ **Closing Words**

❖ **Closing Song**

I'm Coming Out

Happening Today

Thrift Shop

All Morning | Upstairs Social Hall

Children's Ministry

11:00 a.m. | Rm 109 & 111

Trans/Non-Binary Check-In

1:00 p.m. | Tri Room C

Evening Service

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Happening This Week

Refugee Ministry Orientation

Monday | 1:00 p.m. | Room 109

Refugee Meeting

Wednesday | 3:00 p.m. | Room 109

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday | 6:30 p.m. | Social Hall

Please ask the ushers for a Large Print Order Of Service if you wish to read along with today's sacred readings.

Trans and Non-Binary Check-In

Join us for a Trans and Non-Binary second check in meeting with Aleks Dughman-Manzur and Rev. Andrew Holmes. Aleks and Andrew are facilitating a get-together to check-in on how trans and non-binary people from our congregation are doing with the current trend to erase and attack trans and non-binary gender identities.

If you self-identify as trans and/or non-binary and would like to be a part of the conversation please join us at 1:00 p.m. in Triangle Room C (Basement).

For more information please email:

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Our New Donor Wall

Transforming Lives and Transforming the World - Together

Today, MCC Toronto takes a momentous step by unveiling our inaugural Donor Wall as a way of recognizing and celebrating the donors who contribute to our work and mission. Donor Walls are standard features for most registered charities, and we made this decision with great care in recognizing that

this installation represents a fundamental change in the way MCC Toronto practises donor recognition. We are grateful for the feedback we received from donors when talking to them about this initiative and appreciated this response from long-time member Richard Davidson.

“This church is important to me. I was raised in a faith community and a family where giving to the work of the church was the expected norm. So, for me, receiving acknowledgement and thanks for doing that (beyond the usual note accompanying the tax receipt) is not something I expect or need. MCC Toronto enriches my life in many ways and supporting it financially is both my privilege and my responsibility and I have been blessed in being able to do so.

However, I see great value in encouraging others to participate in the life and growth of the church through giving. This is our spiritual home, and, like any home, it takes our time, effort and investment. As a community, it is our collective responsibility to keep our home strong. In light of this, I think recognizing donors will serve as a positive encouragement to all. I am proud to be included in this project and in this MCC Toronto family.”

Richard P. Davidson - MCC Toronto donor

[To provide feedback on our new Donor Wall email giving@mcctoronto.com.](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com)

MCC Toronto’s Donor Wall is being paid for through a Special Major Gift initiative, and not through general offerings.

Annual Congregational Business Meeting (ACBM)

Join us this Father's Day and experience amazing performances by Mark Cassius and Peter Henderson at our morning services.

You won't want to miss this!

After the morning services we will have the ACBM. This is to approve the budget , audit and elect one board member.

June 16 | 12:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Church On Church at Ryerson Theatre

Led by Senior Pastor Rev. Jeff Rock, this year's service will have musical performances by :

The Choir of MCC Toronto

Thom Allison

AJ Bridel

Sterling Jarvis

Acts 29

Please note that there will only be ONE service on this day.

June 23 | 11:00 a.m. | Ryerson Theatre

Anniversary Sunday

Join us as MCC Toronto Celebrates 46 years with music and fellowship

July 21 | 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently looking for some key volunteer positions. If you are interested in any of the positions below please email Andrew Holmes at aholmes@mcctoronto.com.

- A Hospitality Coordinator to plan and schedule our coffee hosts each week.
- Evening Service Sound Operator Team and Team Lead.

Participate In Pride

Join us as a volunteer as Church on Church goes indoors for our 30th year at Pride Toronto! Represent MCC Toronto at our Community Booth in the Village during Pride's Street Fair, and march with us in celebration and solidarity at the Trans March and Pride Parade. Sign up today in the Social Hall or visit

volunteer.mcctoronto.com/2019/05/22/pride-volunteers/

and let us know how you would like to be involved!

Get your Pride spirit on!

MCC Toronto's Pride t-shirts
on sale in the Social Hall following today's service.



Always in Your Service!

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CHURCH
on
CHURCH
AT RYERSON THEATRE

JUNE 23 AT 11 AM | RYERSON THEATRE
43 Gerrard St. E (Steps From Church St.)

With Rev. Jeff Rock

featuring The Choir of MCC Toronto and
Special Guests **Thom Allison, AJ Bridel, Sterling Jarvis and Acts 29**

Music Director **Diane Leah**



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