

## **Form or Join a Sponsorship team in support of LGBTQ+ Refugees**

In last Sunday's [Lesson for Life](#), and in an email sent on Monday, we asked you to consider joining MCC Toronto in our efforts to bring LGBTQ+ refugees to safety in Canada, where they can live as themselves without fears of persecution. Through our LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs, we are looking to form 3-5 new sponsorship teams of five to help bring LGBTQ+ asylum seekers to Canada in 2021 – and we need your help!

While the process of forming a sponsorship team may appear daunting, the personal rewards – and the realization that your efforts are literally life-changing - are **immeasurable**. Your sponsorship team would be 100% supported by MCC Toronto's LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs staff who will guide you on all aspects of the Sponsorship Team journey, including the financial obligation piece of raising \$18,250. Based on past Sponsorship Team experiences, we know that the shared effort of you and your team, will make all aspects of the process entirely manageable.

Interested in learning more?

Please join us for a special no-obligation Information Session being hosted on **February 17, 2022, starting at 5 PM via Zoom**.

**REGISTER NOW**

Please consider making a gift in support of our LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs here:  
[mccutoronto.com/donate](https://mccutoronto.com/donate)

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## **Spring Awakening! In-person Worship Services return March 6**

MCC Toronto is excited to announce we will resume in-person Worship Services in our historic sanctuary at 115 Simpson Avenue on **Sunday, March 6** just in time to begin the Lenten Journey towards Easter. For the time being we will have an **11 AM service only** until such a time we have the volunteer capacity and demand to resume the 9 AM services as well. Vaccine passports or proof of double vaccination will be required for those over 5 years of age, as will masks and COVID protocols. We will continue with a hybrid of in-person and online by livestreaming our services at [www.YouTube.com/MCCTorontoTV](https://www.YouTube.com/MCCTorontoTV) and continuing our Digital Coffee Hour on ZOOM and holding a Lenten Bible Study Tuesday's at 7 PM on Zoom starting on March 1. More information about how to get engaged and become a volunteer are forthcoming and available at <https://www.mcctoronto.com/volunteer/>

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## **Sunday Service Musical Guest**

Troy Adams is our Offertory Performer for the next three Sundays!

**February 6**

**“Make Them Hear You”**

From the musical “Ragtime”  
By Stephen Faherty

**February 13**

“Everything Must Change”  
By Quincy Jones

**February 20**

“You’ve Got A Friend”  
By Carole King  
Arr. by Donny Hathaway

Originally from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Troy Adams has been performing in various theatres across Canada for the last 33 years. Toronto audiences may have seen him singing down in the Distillery District as part of Soulpepper’s concert series, or in Musical Stage Co.’s production of *Next to Normal*.

A few other recent productions include Soulpepper’s production of *Angels in America*, Parts 1 and 2 (Belize); *Dreamgirls* at Theatre Aquarius / The Grand Theatre (Jimmy Early); *Othello* at Shakespeare by the Sea (Othello); *Wanderlust* at the Stratford Festival (The Balladeer); *Shrek: The Musical* at Neptune Theatre / The Grand Theatre (Donkey); *The Adventures of a Black Girl in Search of God* at the Harbourfront Centre / Centaur Theatre / NAC (Ancestor); and *Cinderella* at the Neptune Theatre (Cinderella’s father).

This recording was originally for Neptune Theatre’s online telethon, in which I was asked to take part. I wanted to submit something that spoke to me artistically and reflected what my soul needed to express regarding what was happening at that time with both the global race protests and the pandemic. Being of mixed heritage (Black Loyalist, Mi’kmaq and Scottish), I decided that *Make Them Hear You* was the perfect choice.

I also wanted to express that this was not our first uprising. Rather, I think the excerpt from Martin Luther King’s speech in 1966 reflects exactly what we are still demanding today. The photos of Frederick Douglass and the Black Lives Matter protesters serve to further highlight the many times we have had to stand up to inequality. Until equality happens, I say *Make Them Hear You*.

February 13 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN US FOR THIS SERVICE ONLINE](#)

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## **2021 Charitable Tax Receipt – Update**

Just a reminder that MCC Toronto will be emailing all 2021 charitable tax receipts beginning next week (Feb 14). If you have any questions or concerns please contact [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com).

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## **Reminder**

Join us to celebrate Rev. Junia and wish her well before her transition related surgery! Just log into the Virtual Shower via zoom, next **Friday, February 18 at 7 PM.**

[JOIN HERE](#)

Meeting ID: **846 1733 5591**  
Passcode: **238400**

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## Congregational Care - Reminder

Taking care of each other is more important than ever these days, and if you are in need of some care we are here for you. Just hop on the link below and fill out the form to let one of our pastors know about your needs.

Want to learn more? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

[SUBMIT FORM HERE](#)

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MCC Toronto is enormously grateful for the support of over 300+ donors who contribute to our work and mission through our monthly giving program.

Interested in joining our family of monthly donors? Contact [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com)

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## Online Programming February 13 - 19

### Sunday:

**11 AM** Online Sunday Service  
**11:45 AM** - Digital Coffee Hour

### Tuesday:

**7 PM** - Mental Health and Trauma Information Session

### Thursday:

**10:30 AM** - Ever Wonder Group Discussion  
(Email: [everwonder@mcctoronto.com](mailto:everwonder@mcctoronto.com))

### Friday::

**7 PM** - Rev. Junia Joplin's Shower  
(*ZOOM*)

Sunday Digital Coffee Hour  
Sunday | 11:45 AM  
[ZOOM Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709  
Password: 797837

Sunday Service Worship

## Share Us Digitally!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in anything we're doing at MCC Toronto please invite them to join us digitally via the button below.

[SHARE THE QUERY HERE](#)

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Questions? Comments? Inquires?  
We'd love to hear from you!

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