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"No! I live! I will live forever! I have a heart that does not die."

- Lesia Ukrainka, 19th century Ukrainian poet.

In-Person Worship Services Resume This Sunday

We can't wait to see you!

This **Sunday, March 6** our 11 AM in-person Worship Services will resume with the service livestreamed simultaneously on our YouTube Channel. We'll continue with a hybrid approach of online and in-person worship services with **Digital Coffee hour at a new time of 1 PM**. For the time being, we will continue to ask folks (aged 5 and up) attending in-person Worship Services to bring their vaccine passport or proof of double vaccination. While the Ontario government lifted its proof of vaccination requirements effective March 1, MCC Toronto will continue them at least until our congregants are comfortable and as per [City of Toronto guidelines](#) "faith-based organizations have an opportunity to implement a vaccine protocol for community members to attend in-person services and other activities."

March 6 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

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MCC Toronto's Lenten Sermon & Bible Study Series



You've probably heard us say, "MCC Toronto is a human rights Church", but what does that mean? Well... it means we began as an LGBTQ2+ spiritual community, but have grown into an organization of allies standing in solidarity with all those seeking equality around the world. As our Vision Statement puts it we seek to be a "spiritual community that creates a just kind, and loving world for ALL."

Our upcoming sermon series *Fights for Human Rights* begins this Sunday, March 6 and runs throughout the Season of Lent as we draw towards Easter Sunday and the cross. We will be exploring human rights scriptures, as well as modern day human rights concerns, starting this Sunday with the Book of Ruth and the conflict in the Ukraine; over the following five weeks, we'll also tackle racism, sexism anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and the rights of Intersex and non-binary people, and more as we reflect on the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

We will also explore *Fights for Human Rights* in our weekly Bible Study on Zoom Tuesdays at 7 PM. All levels of biblical background welcome!

JOIN BIBLE STUDY

Meeting ID: **860 7974 3149**
Passcode: **337101**

Join Us | New Educational Seminars



MCC Toronto invites you to join us this month for a series of special educational seminars on Death and Dying with experts in their respective fields. These seminars that will equip you with the tools to contemplate your own mortality, plan your will and estate and you need to prepare your own funeral, plan your will and estate and contemplate your own morality.

Congregants and community members are invited to attend all three sessions, or just those that may be of interest. There is no need to pre-register. If you have any specific questions that you would like the moderators to address, please forward them to giving@mcctoronto.com.

March 10 | 7 - 8:15 PM

Reflecting on the Spiritual Dimensions of Dying

Led by Rev. Jeff Rock & Rev Deana Dudley

We are a death denying society - but faith community is the one place we can talk about it. Revs. Jeff and Deana will reflect on their personal and professional experiences and explore the spiritual dimensions of death and dying.

March 17 | 7 - 8:15 PM

It's When NOT If... The Benefits of Planning Your Estate and Getting Your Affairs in Order

Led by Sarah Bull, Partner & Portfolio Manager (KJ Harrison Investors) & Lori Duffy, Senior Counsel (McCarthy Tetrault)

Sarah and Lori are experts on advising clients on the importance of having an estate plan including making a will and powers of attorney. Come prepared to hear the do's and don'ts of estate planning and to learn practical steps you need to plan for your estate.

March 24 | 7 - 8:15 PM

Open Discussion on Funeral Planning

Led by Imre Szabo, Licensed Funeral Director and Cemetery Pre-Planner Advisor & Chad VanDyk, Manager, Funeral Operations (both with the Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries)

With collective 40+ years of experience, Imre and Chad will present on the importance of planning for your here after.

ATTEND SEMINARS HERE

Meeting ID: **865 2950 0512**

Passcode: **130418**

Sunday Service Musical Guest



Mary Kelly is this week's Offertory Performer!

Nova Scotia native, Mary is always delighted to sing at MCC Toronto. Her repertoire encompasses jazz, folk and musical theatre. She has been a featured soloist for Symphony Nova Scotia and performed at Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes's final Christmas Eve service in December 2017.

Television credits include *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Schitt's Creek*, *Saving Hope*, and *Orphan Black*.

On stage, she has appeared in *My Fair Lady*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Chicago*, and *Sincerely, a Friend*, based on the music of Leonard Cohen—to name just a few!

Her website is mkdivamusic.com.



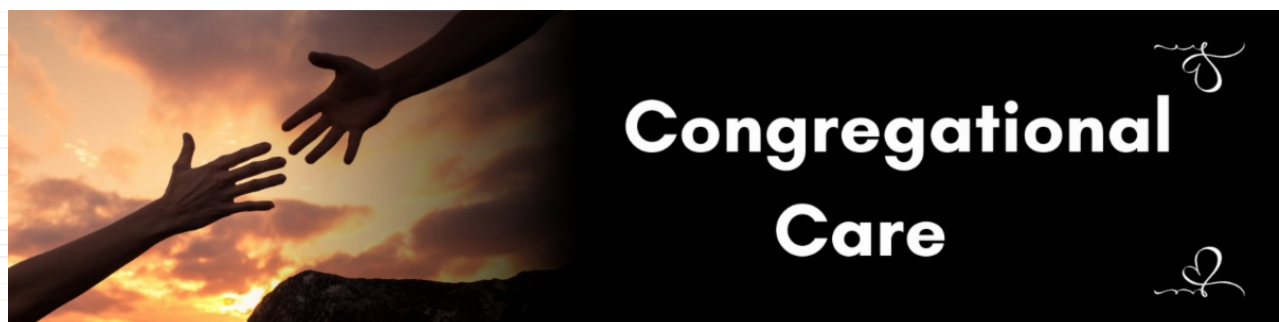
Our February Angels are the organizing team of our Ever Wonder inclusive theology program that meets every Thursday of the week for deep theological discussions. Please join us in celebrating and appreciating **Mary Dayton, Donald Peter St.Amand & Franck Testin!** We thank these wonderful angels for all their hard work and dedication to our MCC Toronto community.



Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs. Currently we are looking for **PowerPoint Operators** and **Altar Guild volunteers**.

To sign up for these or other opportunities, please click the link below.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)



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!](#)

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Online and In-Person Programming March 6 - 12

MAR 6 - 12	SUNDAY 06 11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service 1 PM - Digital Coffee Hour (ZOOM)	MONDAY 07	TUESDAY 08 7 PM - Bible Study	WEDNESDAY 09
		THURSDAY 10 10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM) 7 PM - Reflecting on the Spiritual Dimensions of Dying	FRIDAY 11	SATURDAY 12

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service
1 PM - Digital Coffee Hour

Tuesday:

7 PM - Bible Study

Thursday:

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

7 PM - Reflecting on the Spiritual Dimensions of Dying



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

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Sunday | 1 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709

Password: 797837



Bible Study

Bible Study

Tuesday | 7 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 860 7974 3149

Password: 337101



Sunday Service Worship

Online | 11 AM | In-person | MCC Toronto YouTube

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