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“It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

— Mother Teresa

## Congregational Campaign Matching Gift Opportunity



Since the launch of our Congregational Campaign, we have been incredibly heartened by the early and enthusiastic response. In less than two weeks, we have raised **\$32,500** towards our \$150,000 goal!

Of course, thanks to Anne Brayley & Nanette Sanson and Andrew Fleming & Roger Keglevich, we have actually raised **\$65,000**. These long-time congregants (and good friends) have come together agreed to match every donation – dollar for dollar – up to \$75,000 in support of our Congregational Campaign. Thanks to their generosity, and that of early contributors, we now stand at 43% of our goal, bringing us closer to the beautification of our beloved Sanctuary. As announced on April 24, funds raised through the Congregational Campaign within the **ELEVATION Campaign** will be earmarked for much needed

renovations to our Sanctuary including wall and ceiling repairs, painting and the replacement of main floor carpets.

If over \$150,000 is raised, MCC Toronto will look to repair and replace all exterior doors, improve air circulation features and make the chancel space accessible. Work on Sanctuary space improvements will begin in the summer of 2023.

Members and congregants will likely have received information about how they can make a gift in support of the Congregational Campaign in the mail this past week including the opportunity to make a pledge payable over three years or a one-time gift online which you can do [here](#).

Meet our Congregational Campaign [Co-Chairs Jennifer Alexander & Lori Boyce](#)

Meet our Congregational Campaign [Co-Chairs Doug Kerr & Michael Went](#)

Meet our [Matching Donors](#)

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## MCC Toronto's launches ELEVATION Campaign



On April 29, 2022 MCC Toronto announced the biggest and boldest undertaking in our 50-year history with the public launch of **ELEVATION**, a \$5 million Campaign that will significantly elevate our human rights works in support of our communities. And we have already raised \$4.75 million!

We were thrilled to have donors and special guests join us for the celebratory launch event hosted in our Social Hall.

You can read full details of our announcement [here](#). And you can watch remarks from Rev. Jeff Rock, Co-Chairs Michael McCain and Anne Brayley, as well as Scott Brison from BMO Financial Group and His Worship Mayor John Tory [below](#).



In honour of **Mother's Day** and **Asian Heritage Month**, our "Reel Theology" Sermon Series will look at "**Everything Everywhere All At Once**", this Sunday!

A reminder that you don't need to see the film to be able to enjoy our Lesson for Life!

May 8  
May 15  
May 22  
May 29

**Everything Everywhere All At Once**  
**Luca**  
**Encanto**  
**CODA**





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## Special Invitation to Newcomers to MCC Toronto | May 15

Are you new to MCC Toronto over the past two years? We want to get to know you! We'll be hosting a free **Newcomers Luncheon** on Sunday **May 15**, following our 11 AM Service - and we would love you to join. This is a chance to meet Rev. Jeff Rock and Rev. Junia Joplin and ask any questions you might have about our work and services. Please RSVP by email to [office@mcctoronto.com](mailto:office@mcctoronto.com).

## Musical Guest



Katie Winchester is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Katie is a singer, voice/piano teacher, and stage manager, as well as a proud member of The Choir and Pride and Joy at MCC. Katie's performance highlights range from plays to musical theatre to opera to concert appearances throughout Ontario, including Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, Uxbridge, Barrie, Oshawa, and Cambridge, and on CBC Radio. Katie's proudest production to date is her spirited not-so-little monkey, Tommy.

**May 8 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel**

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## **New Spiritual Practices Program | Continues May 12**



Life is challenging and unpredictable.  
Change is uncomfortable and exciting.  
Supporting our mental health through life's changes matters.

### **"How Our Spiritual Practices Support Our Mental Health Through Life's Changes"**

Hosted by Valerie De Souza, a Spiritually Integrated Counsellor, Educator and Registered Psychotherapist (Qualifying), this new 4-week Spiritual Practices Program explores how our mental health, as part of our overall health, can be supported by our Christian spiritual practices.

Weekly Spiritual Practice Themes:

- May 12: Sacred Texts
- May 19: Sacred Imagery
- May 26: Sacred Prayers

Sessions are FREE and occur on **ZOOM** on Thursdays from **7 - 8:15 PM**. Pre-registration is required.

**REGISTER NOW**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the sessions.

Let's connect to learn, discuss, and be community together through life's many changes!



Reminder! MCC Toronto's Men's Retreat is Back! This year's theme: "**Living our Authentic Self**," and is being hosted at Jericho House in the Niagara Region from May 27-29.

We invite anyone who identifies as male to join us.

To learn more and register, click on the link below.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## **Save the Date - MCC Toronto Membership Class | May 15**

MCC Toronto will be offering a **Membership Class** on Thursday, **May 31** at **7 PM** for those interested in becoming members. The class will be offered on ZOOM.

In order to participate you must be:

- a regular worship attendee
- a financial contributor
- intend to volunteer when in-person services resume
- be a permanent resident of Canada
- ready to make a long-term commitment to MCC Toronto

At the end of the Membership Class, participants will discern if Membership is for them. To register for the Membership Class please click on the link below!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

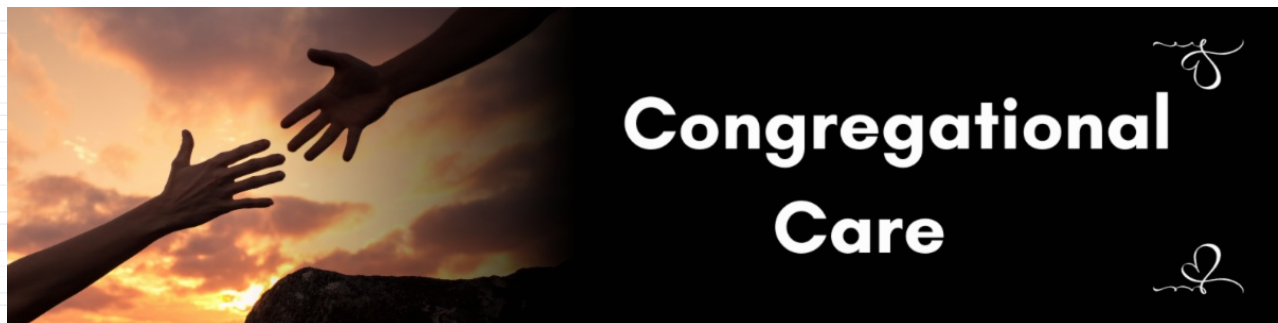
Membership Classes are offered several times a year, so if you can't make this one, don't fret. Only Official Members can serve on the Board of Directors, vote at the Annual Congregational Business Meeting, and elect a new Senior Pastor; non-Members are welcome to participate in and access all of MCC Toronto's Programs.

# Volunteer with us!

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.

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!](#)

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE](#)

Every Gift is a Blessing. Please consider making a gift to MCC Toronto today.

[DONATE](#)

**Online and In-Person Programming  
May 8 - 14**



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## 8 - 14

SUNDAY 08

**11 AM** - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

**1 PM** - Digital Coffee Hour (ZOOM)

MONDAY 09

TUESDAY 10

WEDNESDAY 11

THURSDAY 12

**10:30 AM** - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM)

**7 PM** - Spiritual Practices Support Program (ZOOM)

FRIDAY 13

SATURDAY 14

### Sunday:

**11 AM** - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

**1 PM** - Digital Coffee Hour

### Thursday:

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

**7 PM** - Spiritual Practices Support Program



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

### Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

Sunday | 1 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709

Password: 797837

*Join us for*

# Online and In-Person Worship Services

Sunday 11 AM | In-Person | MCC Toronto YouTube



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## 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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We'd love to hear from you!

Connect with us at  
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*Sent with love* 