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“When you put love out in the world it travels, and it can touch people and reach people in ways that we never even expected.”

— Laverne Cox

Mask Mandate? - We want to hear from you!



Following the lifting of the provincial mask mandate in March 2022, MCC Toronto made the decision to maintain a mask mandate for our in-person Worship Services – at least for the time being. This week, the Ontario government announced that most remaining provincial mask mandates will be lifted as of **Saturday, June 11**. As MCC Toronto considers whether to maintain or lift our mask requirement, we want to hear from you! We would be grateful if you might take a minute to respond to a few questions about your views. Please note that this is a confidential survey and that we are not asking for your name or contact information.

[TAKE SURVEY NOW](#)

Results of the survey will be shared in next week's Query. The **deadline** for responding is Wednesday, **June 17 at 5 PM**.

Pride 2022



As we move closer to the grand in-person return of our **Church on Church Pride Celebration Service**, we invite you to consider making a special Pride donation to help support our work. Pride donors will receive VIP seating at the Service as well as Digital Program and online recognition.

MAKE A PRIDE DONATION TODAY

Demolition Begins! | Phase 2 Building Fund Update



Phase 2 Building Fund renovations to our Main Floor public spaces outside of our Sanctuary will officially begin the week of June 12. Pictured above, Rev. Junia Joplin, Rev. Jeff Rock, Santiago Arias and Mark Asselin are already getting into the "swing" of things!

Thanks to generosity of [donors](#) to our recently launched [ELEVATION Campaign](#), the renovation project is already fully funded. The renovations are slated to transform our Social Hall and back meeting rooms into warm and welcoming places, with usable and attractive public spaces that can accommodate new congregant and community programming.

Have you made a **Congregational Campaign** gift yet? Please consider making a gift in support of renovations to our beloved Sanctuary. Every dollar you give will be matched by our generous **matching donors**.

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Reverend Jeff Rock at the Metropolitan Community Church in Toronto on May 5.

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Monday's analyst upgrades and downgrades

READ THE ARTICLE HERE

Musical Guest



Bruce Dow is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Bruce is an award-winning actor/singer/director and theatre educator committed to safety in the classroom and the workspace.

You may know Bruce from his/their 5 featured roles on Broadway - most recently as "Paul Burrell" in the now infamous, multi-Razzie Award Winning *Diana*, a new musical now available on Netflix; his/their 12 seasons in leading roles in Shakespeare and Musicals at the Stratford Festival; and his/their 2 x Dora Award winning work at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre. You can find Bruce's solo recordings on Apple Music and Spotify.

Check his/their website: www.brucedow.com

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

Save the Date | ACBM on June 19



Our 2022 Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held on **June 19** following the Sunday Worship Service. All relevant pre-reads documents are now up on our website. Please save the date - and join us if you are able!

[REVIEW THE ACBM DOCUMENTS](#)

You're Invited | World Refugee Day Program

We invite congregants and community members to join in a special program being hosted by MCC Toronto's LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs in honour of **World Refugee Day (June 20)**.

On June 20, at 3:30 PM, Attorney-at-Law, Nicholas Hersh of Capital Rainbow Refuge (CRR) will join us to give insight into the history of World Refugee Day and share useful resources that can be used to assist refugees in preparing for a successful hearing.



Nicholas is a lawyer, educator, and scholar in the area of LGBTQ+ refugee law. As one of CRR's founding members, he serves as the organization's principal lawyer. His contributions to the national landscape on LGBTQ+ refugee issues include training Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) and staff on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics, and founding the Queer Refugee Hearings Program (QRHP).

Join this meeting online by clicking on the link below on **June 20, at 3:30 PM**:

[JOIN THIS EVENT](#)

Meeting ID: 878 1225 3434
Meeting password: 368363

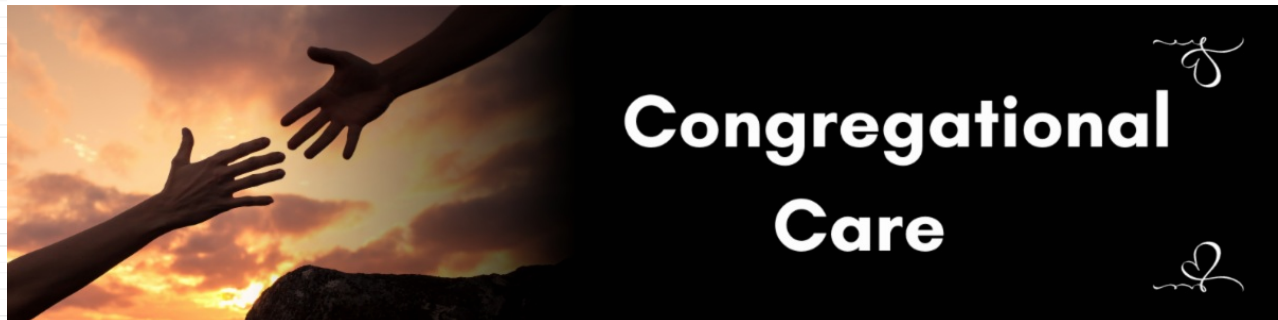
Volunteer with us!

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.

Right now we urgently need volunteers familiar with **webcasting, sound operation** and **multimedia!**

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.

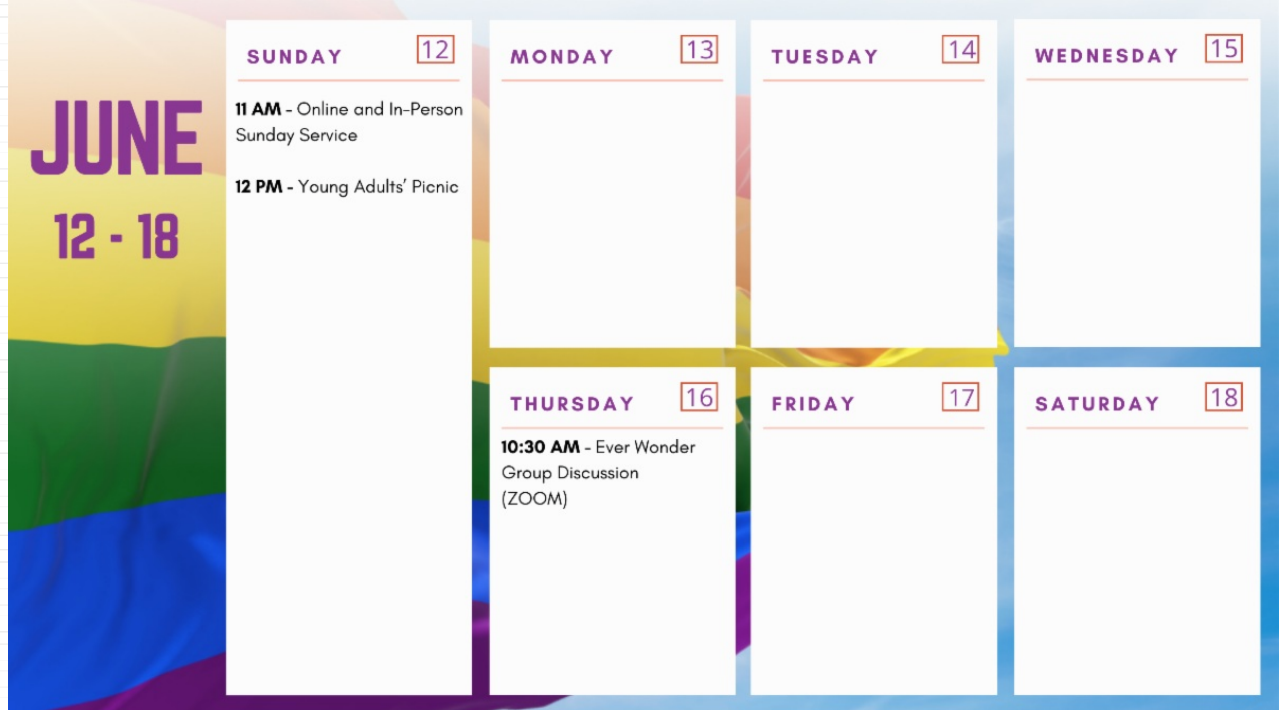
Want to learn more? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

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

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**Online and In-Person Programming
June 12 - 18**



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)
12 PM - Young Adult Picnic



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

Sunday | 1 PM

**There will be no Digital Coffee Hour On
 June 12, 19 and 26**



Sunday Service Worship

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

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.

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

Connect with us at
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