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MCC Toronto



"We shape our buildings; thereafter, they shape us."

- Winston Churchill

Building Fund Phase 2 Progress

For those who haven't been to MCC Toronto in the past month – there have been some changes!

Since our Building Fund Phase 2 Project officially began on June 6, the construction team – led by our own Mark Asselin and Santiago Arias - has completed the following work:

- Removal of Floor – from the meeting rooms, through the corridors, and the Social Hall
- Demolition of Walls & Ceilings - the former Rooms 109 – 111, the vestibule, the Information Desk, the former Facility Manager's Office, the former Welcome Room 100, have now been entirely demolished
- Demolition of Social Hall Stage – the stage and stairs have been removed
- Mechanical & Electrical – initial roughing in has begun

And as a picture is worth a thousand words, here are some photos from the work-in-progress!



The Building Fund Phase 2 Project is being funded 100% through the [ELEVATION – MCC Toronto Campaign](#) and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Interested in making a gift to our Congregational Campaign in support of ELEVATION?

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Please note that the **ramped entrance** and **elevator** are still accessible to folks who need extra assistance when attending our Services.

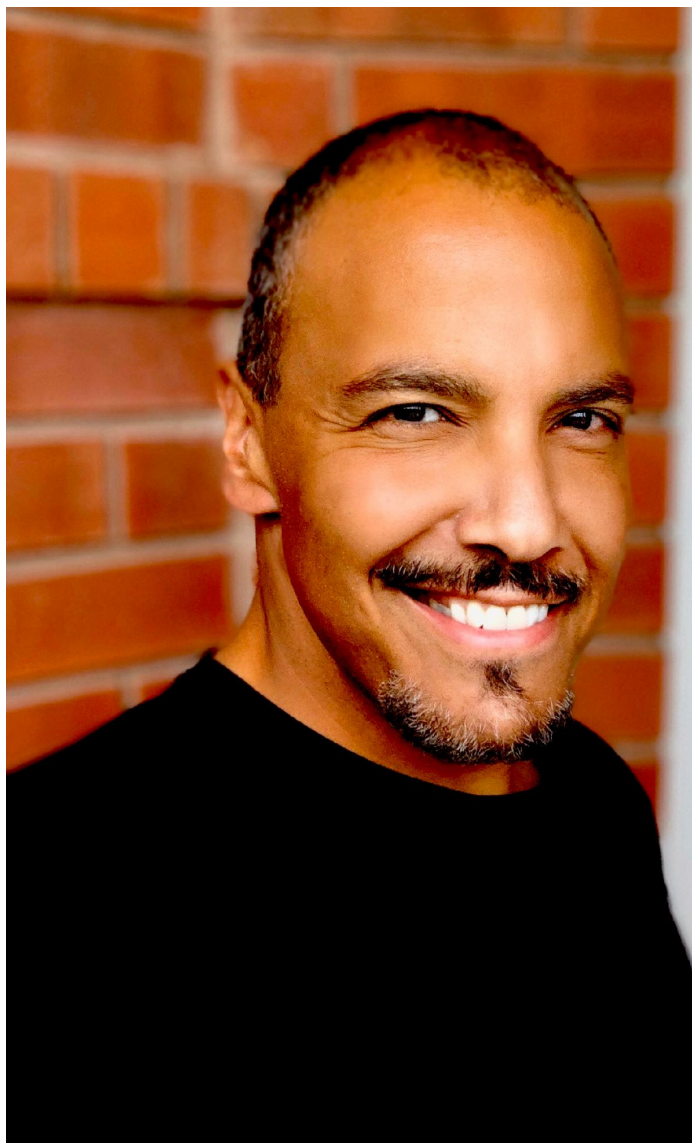
Celebrating a Retired (But Never Retiring) Board Member

At our Annual Congregational Business Meeting (ACBM) on June 19, MCC Toronto welcomed Stephenie Naugler to our Board of Directors along with returning members Bradley Hickman, Joe Jamieson, Susan Leslie-Berkis, Lee Sef B. Moran, Sylvie Pelletier, Bentley Springer and Kevin Willcock. We also said goodbye to Andrew Fleming who retired from our Board of Directors after years of service.

A lawyer originally from Montreal, Andrew Fleming has been an MCC Toronto member since 2012. In 2017, Andrew was appointed as Co-Chair of the MCC Toronto Board of Directors. In addition to his leadership on the Board, Andrew served on the Campaign Cabinet of MCC Toronto's recently launched **ELEVATION** Campaign and provided a generous matching gift in support of our Congregational Campaign. Andrew retired from law practice in 2020. He and his partner Roger operate a Bed & Breakfast in beautiful Wellington, Ontario, located in Prince Edward County. We asked Andrew's Board Co-Chair, Bradley Hickman, to say a few words about Andrew and his impact at MCC Toronto:

"Andrew has been an integral and steadfast member of the Board for several years. Andrew's leadership and wisdom as Co-Chair of the Board and Chair of the Governance Committee has shepherded us through unprecedented times. As a member of the Elevation Campaign Cabinet, Andrew helped guide an overwhelmingly successful initiative which will leave a lasting impact on MCC Toronto for years to come. Prior to joining the Board, I didn't know Andrew very well. One of the great benefits of belonging to MCC Toronto is becoming part of a greater community and getting to know people you may not have the opportunity to meet otherwise. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Andrew and he has become a teacher, mentor, confidante, and friend. Andrew's contributions to MCC Toronto are everlasting and we are blessed to have him as part of our faith community."

Musical Guest



Gavin Hope is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Gavin is a three-time Juno Award nominee, both as a solo vocalist and as a member of the iconic Canadian a cappella group The Nylons. He has sung with Natalie Cole, Deborah Cox, James Brown, and Aretha Franklin, among others.

Gavin has been a featured vocalist with Jeans 'n Classics for more than a decade, performing the music of Earth, Wind and Fire, Michael Jackson, Prince, Stevie Wonder, and various Broadway hits on the symphonic stage.

His musical theatre highlights include *The Lion King* (Simba) and *RENT* (Collins).

From the studio to the stage, Gavin just loves to perform, and when he's not on the road, he loves to share his gifts with fans in his current hometown of Toronto.

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Anniversary Sunday

As we prepare for our 49th Anniversary Sunday celebration on July 17, we invite our members and congregants to consider the opportunity to nominate someone for any of our three annual awards:

The Beloved Disciple Award

Presented for long-term, distinguished service to the church. May only be bestowed once to members of 10+ years

The Community Service Award

Presented to remarkable people who have made a significant contribution to our wider community

The Vision Alive Award

Presented to individuals who have taken part in the vision for our church and made it happen. May only be bestowed once per project

[NOMINATION FORM NOW OPEN](#)

Birthday-O-Gram

Does someone in your life have a birthday coming up? Or some other special milestone? Consider sending them a Birthday-O-Gram!

For a gift of \$150, your special greeting will be delivered by a quartet from The Choir of MCC Toronto singing a dedicated song to your recipient! You will also receive a charitable tax receipt for your gift.

All proceeds go in support of MCC Toronto's Music Ministry. Please email Timothy Oakes at Toakes52@gmail.com to make a request.

***Please note, a minimum of 3 weeks is needed to create, record, and deliver Birthday-O-Grams. The more advanced notice the better!

Volunteer with us!

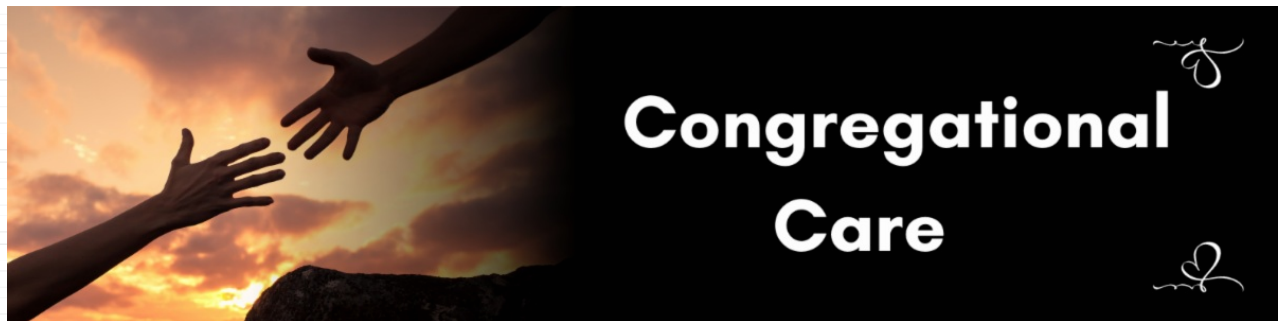
Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

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

We are also looking for volunteer **Digital Ushers** to serve on a once-a-month basis as a welcoming online moderator for our livestreamed Worship Services.

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

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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
July 10 - 16**

JULY

10 - 16

SUNDAY

10

11 AM - Online and In-Person
Sunday Service

1 PM - Digital Coffee Hour

MONDAY

11

TUESDAY

12

WEDNESDAY

13

THURSDAY

14

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

FRIDAY

15

SATURDAY

17

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)



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

Sunday | 1 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709

Password: 797837

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Online and In-Person Worship Services

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Sunday Service Worship

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

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