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“One good thing about music; when it hits you, you feel no pain.”

– Bob Marley

Wishing Jeannie Wyse Well



This week's (August 21) Worship Service marks the last for Jeannie Wyse who has served as conductor/organist for MCC Toronto's Music Ministry for the past 21 years. Jeannie will soon be taking up the new post of Music Director at Jubilee United Church, a position we know will serve her considerable musical talents well. We asked a few friends to say a few words about Jeannie and her long-time involvement at MCC Toronto.

"On behalf of the whole choir family at MCC Toronto, I want to wish Jeannie well as she leaves us to embark on a great new musical adventure. After 21 years of outstanding service to the music ministry at MCC Toronto, The Choir of MCC Toronto always sounded its best when under her care. Jeannie's expertise in working with singers and her instructional guidance was always offered with an unwavering sense of humour, with kindness, and above all with a passion for choral music. I believe a successful music ministry requires a great team, and I couldn't have asked for a better teammate to be by my side as I began my adventure at MCC Toronto. Thank you, Jeannie!"

Jason Jestadt, Music Director

"Jeannie worked with me for 19 years at MCC Toronto as Associate Music Director, organist and choir conductor. She was brilliant at all three and could jump in on the piano when I was away. That kind of versatility is rare, but it is her talent for bringing out the very best in singers, both professional and amateur, that really sets her apart. The Choir of MCC Toronto became well known in our city as one of the best and we had so much fun rehearsing and "doing church". I wish her every success in her new "gig" – it's time for her to have a church of her own!"

Diane Leah, MCC Toronto Music Director (1999 – 2019)

"Over the years Jeannie has used her excellent skills as voice coach and musician to help choir members develop our voices to levels we never thought we were capable of. This has resulted in an amazing music ministry that not only supports MCCT's services but has also performed major roles in many Christmas concerts. Her guidance helped develop The Choir into a great choir that has been sought after to perform at major events in the city, like Jack Layton's funeral, the entrance of the Winter Olympic Torch in 2010, and the memorial ceremony for the tragic North York van massacre. Thank you for your wonderful sense of humour and your tireless dedication, Jeannie. Good luck!"

Dawn Sinclair, long-time Choir member

MCC Toronto remains committed to assisting

Afghan refugees: Join the Effort

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LGBTQ+ AFGHANS

A year has passed since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan but we at MCC Toronto have not forgotten Afghans who remain at risk. Last year, we launched an LGBTQ+ Afghan Refugee Response Program to assist these highly vulnerable members of Afghan society. The media has reported that the Taliban has a “kill list” of LGBTQ+ individuals and many have had to flee for their lives.

MCC Toronto remains committed to resettling as many LGBTQ+ refugees as possible but we currently have a waitlist of over 50 people in need of assistance.

You can help:

1. Form a “settlement team” of 5 people and fundraise \$18,250 to sponsor and support an individual refugee. While this may seem daunting, we are here to support you in truly transforming a life.
2. Donate to support an existing team.

Interested in helping out? Click on the Link below!

SUPPORT LGBTQ+ AFGHANS

Any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated. If you need more information, please feel free to reach out to us at refugeesettlement@mcctoronto.com.

Musical Guest



Billy Newton-Davis returns as our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Billy is a singer/songwriter/recording artist and four-time Juno Award winner. He has

performed in venues across Europe and North America and has sung with artists such as Celine Dion, and is perhaps best known for his extensive work with The Nylons.

Billy also donates his talent towards numerous humanitarian causes including AIDS awareness, Actors Equity, and housing for people living with mental illness.

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



We are looking for a **Regional Sponsorship Coordinator** to support our LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs and help increase our capacity to privately sponsor LGBTQ+ refugees.

If you are interested, please apply! If you know someone who would be ideal, please share!

Compensation: \$22/hr

Hours: Fulltime (36 hours per week), 9 months contract with the possibility of renewal.

[READ MORE AND APPLY HERE](#)

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 the notice the better!

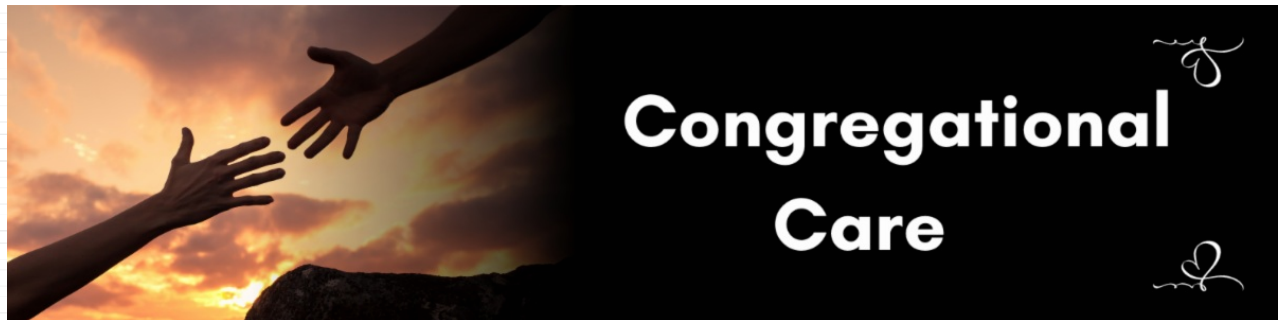
Volunteer with us!

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 and information desk.**

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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**Online and In-Person Programming
August 21-27**

AUGUST 21-27

SUNDAY

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11 AM - Online and In-Person
Sunday Service

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

Thursday:

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



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

There will be no Digital Coffee Hour in August



Sunday Service Worship

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

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