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Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling me who I am.”

— Parker J. Palmer

## Rev. Junia's Continuing Vocational Journey



Grace and peace, beautiful and beloved people!

When I joined MCC Toronto's clergy team last year, I didn't just find a new church home – I became a part of a new, worldwide denomination of churches – the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC).

Making a home in the UFMCC means pursuing ordination within the UFMCC. I was ordained back in 2007, so I'm not exactly seeking to be re-ordained. But I am working to make my ordination official within the MCC world.

What does that look like? I'm glad you asked!

This weekend, it looks like a 3-day retreat called REVM. REVM stands for Readiness to Enter Vocational Ministry, and it's UFMCC's official intake program for folks who are new to MCC ministry.

At the REVM retreat, folks like me will learn more about what makes MCC special. We'll grow our understanding of MCC's work around intersectionality, anti-racism, anti-oppression, and anti-colonialism, and how we can be a part of that work. We'll explore the ways MCC integrates spirituality, sexuality, and overall wellness. And we'll make important connections, both with retreat leaders and our fellow participants.

I'm excited for this next step in my ministry, and I can't wait to celebrate with my MCC Toronto family when I become "UFMCC Official."

As you pray in the days to come, I hope you'll say a prayer for me as I embark on this part of my vocational journey. And I hope you'll say a prayer of gratitude for the wider family of MCC communities around the world.

Rev. Junia Joplin,  
Associate Pastor, Programs & Congregational Care

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## Celebrating our ELEVATION Campaign Donors



MCC Toronto is proud to celebrate our **ELEVATION Campaign** Donors.

Since the public launch of **ELEVATION** on April 29, we have continued to engage community members in the human rights ambitions of our Campaign. Including donations received through the Congregational Campaign, we have now raised a remarkable **\$4.85 million!** Our

Campaign Co-Chairs Anne Brayley and Michael McCain remain hopeful that we will achieve and exceed our \$5 million Campaign fundraising goal by the end of the year.

Donors of gifts of \$1,000 or more to either the broader **ELEVATION Campaign** or the Congregational Campaign, will be recognized in perpetuity on a new donor wall to be installed in the McCain Family Social Hall in 2023. All donors to the Congregational Campaign will be recognized on a plaque to be installed in the Sanctuary in the fall of 2023.

### ELEVATION CAMPAIGN DONORS

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## Musical Guest



**Shannon Linton** is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Shannon is a Canadian singer-songwriter, classically trained vocalist, and climate activist. After narrowly avoiding a career in opera, she began performing and recording her own songs, first with *Northern Hearts* (2019 CBC Searchlight Top 100) and now as a solo artist. “Shannon Linton’s music is both beautiful and powerful. It has a strong and important message about humankind’s relationship with nature, and it lifts the spirit and the soul.” (Sam Tweedle)

Shannon’s debut EP, *In Spite of Everything*, was released on May 30. You can listen to her music at <https://shannonlinton.bandcamp.com/> or wherever you stream music, and follow her on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) @shannonlintonmusic.

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**Digital Coffee Hour - ON SUMMER HIATUS**





## Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

MCC Toronto's Digital Coffee will be on hiatus for the remainder of August. We are looking to create additional connection and programming engagement opportunities beginning next month. As always, please watch this space for updates!

A reminder that if you have a spiritual or personal need, you can always reach out through our Congregational Care program.

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE 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](mailto: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!



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**.

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  
August 7-13**



# AUGUST 7-13

SUNDAY

07

11 AM - Online and In-Person  
Sunday Service

MONDAY

08

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  
1 PM - Digital Coffee Hour

## Thursday:

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