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– Rev. Deana Dudley

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



September 30 is Canada's **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day**. On this day, we recognize the horrors of and ongoing trauma from Canada's residential

school system and honour the children who never came home, the Survivors, and their families and communities. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led initiative inspired by the experience of [Phyllis Webstad](#) who, at the age of six, had her brand-new orange shirt taken from her on her first day of residential school. We are all encouraged to wear orange on September 30 to affirm that “Every Child Matters” and to honour the Survivors of residential schools as well as those who did not make it home.

Reconciliation requires action and effort. At MCC Toronto, although we strive to be a home and sanctuary for all, it is undeniable that churches have historically caused harm and suffering to Indigenous peoples. We commit to an honest self-examination of the impact our role as a religious organization has on Indigenous peoples. The promotion of healing, safety, and accountability are our core responsibility.

We encourage you to [learn more](#) and/or [participate](#) in commemorative activities happening in the Toronto area.

We also recognize that this day can be difficult for those directly affected. **Help is available:**

- [Pastoral care services](#)
- Former residential school students can call [1-866-925-4419](#) for emotional crisis referral services and information on other health supports from the Government of Canada.
- Indigenous peoples across Canada can also go to The Hope for Wellness Help Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for counselling and crisis intervention. Call the toll-free Help Line at [1-855-242-3310](#) or connect to the [online chat](#).

We Want to Hear From You!

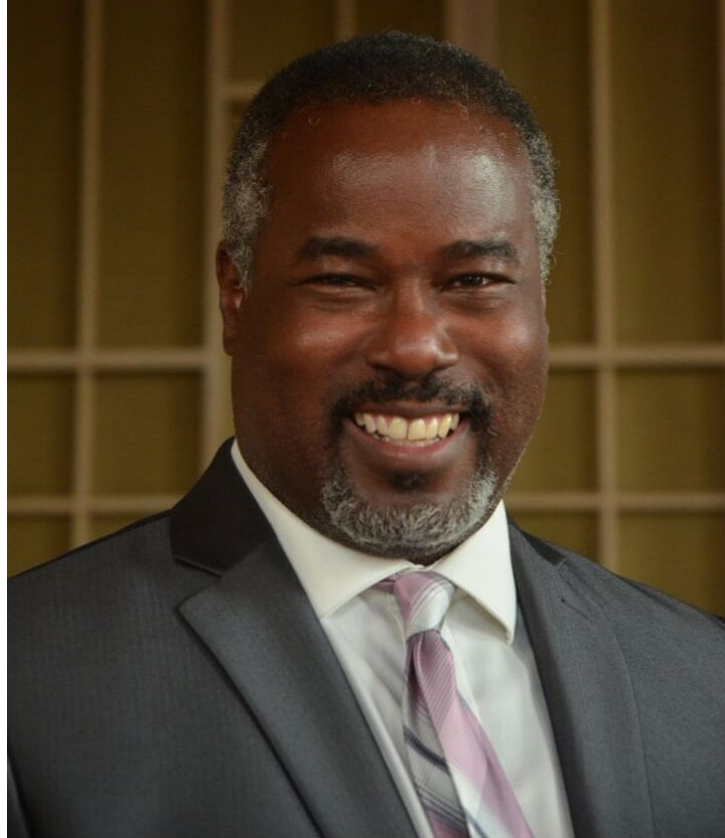


In June 2022, MCC Toronto conducted a Survey inviting congregant feedback as we considered whether to maintain a mask mandate at our in-person Worship Services or to move to an optional model. Based on your feedback, we made the decision to maintain the mask mandate. Four months later, we'd like to hear your views again.

We would be grateful if members and congregants might take a few minutes to complete this confidential survey. The deadline for responding is Wednesday, October 5 at 5 PM. Results will be shared in next week's Query. Thank you!

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

Welcome to Rev. Roland Stringfellow of MCC Detroit



This Sunday, October 2, our own Rev. Deana will be visiting our siblings at the Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit. While she shares greetings and a lesson for life with our friends across the border, MCC Detroit's Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow will be our special guest.

A long-time advocate for greater inclusion in churches, Rev. Stringfellow serves as board president of Inclusive Justice – a network of Michigan clergy dedicated to helping churches across the state become more welcoming of all people. Rev. Stringfellow is a sought-after teacher and preacher, with plenty of wisdom to share on topics like race, religion, class and sexuality.

Welcome, Rev. Stringfellow!

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Musical Guest



Danah-Lee is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Danah-Lee is a Contemporary Christian / LGBTQ musician, producer, award-winning music educator, entrepreneur, and author. Outside of her strong faith in Christ as a member of the LGBTQ community, and outside of her career as an artist, Danah owns and operates an inclusive music school. Danah-Lee was recently nominated for LouderThanTheMusic's "Christian Album of the Year" and the "Impact Award" at Ottawa's Capital Music Awards.

Danah-Lee has been very busy working on her forthcoming album, "Made in the Image," which has received funding support from the Ontario Arts Council, an agency of the Government of Ontario.

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Blessing of the Animals | October 2 & 9



The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals and the environment) happens in early October every year. Animal and people of all types are welcome to come for a blessing! This is an open and inclusive event so feel free to invite friends, family and furry babies, fowl, fish, and amphibians to this fun family occasion.

So bring your furry or unfurry friends to

- **Withrow Dog Park** on Sunday **October 2**, at **3 PM**
- **Allen Gardens Dog Park** on Sunday **October 9**, at **3 PM**

Children's Ministry Registration | October 9

Our newly reinstated Children's Ministry will be hosted every second week. Register [here](#) to join us October 9.

Join Us for a Special Performance by the

Yale Whiffenpoofs | October 11 | 8 PM



The [Yale Whiffenpoofs](#) are coming to MCC Toronto. And all are invited!

Event details:

Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert

MCC Toronto Sanctuary | Oct 11 | 8 PM | Doors open at 7:30 PM

This special Concert is a Pay What You Can (PWYC) opportunity. All donations at the door will go in support of MCC Toronto's Music Ministry.

Click on the link below for more details.

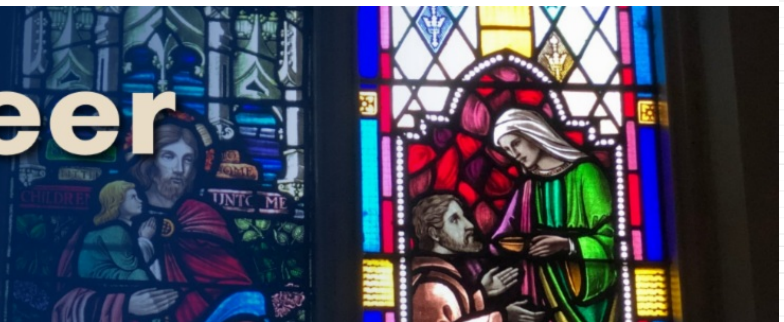
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It is always a pleasure to acknowledge and celebrate members and congregants enrolled in our weekly and monthly giving program! The on-going support of our 300+ sustaining donors is so critical to the work MCC Toronto does everyday, and we are extremely grateful for your gifts. However, like a lot of churches, MCC Toronto has seen our weekly and monthly contributions decline over the past two years. Today, we invite you to consider joining our family of weekly or monthly donors. Whether your gift is \$5 a week, or \$25 a month, every bit helps. You can sign up on our [website](#) or contact giving@mcctoronto.com for more information.

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.

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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Online and In-Person Programming October 2 - 8

OCTOBER 2-8	SUNDAY 02 11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service 3 PM - Blessing of the Animals at Withrow Dog Park	MONDAY 03	TUESDAY 04	WEDNESDAY 05
		THURSDAY 06 10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM)	FRIDAY 07	SATURDAY 08

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

3 PM - Blessing of the Animals at **Withrow Dog Park**

Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)



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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