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All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

-Julian of Norwich

## The Best is Yet to Come Campaign



Dear Friends,

What a year it has been. From online only Services at the start of the year, to a return of in-person Services in March, to the launch of our transformative ELEVATION-MCC Toronto Campaign in April, to the start of renovation of our spaces in May, to the hiring of a new Human Rights Director in August, to a welcome return of Children's Church in September, MCC Toronto has been able to move forward with optimism and faith thanks to the members, congregants and our broader communities who have been with us every step of the way. Your continued belief in the work MCC Toronto does for the 2SLGBTQ+ community means

so much to all of us.

But the realities of our 'pseudo' post-pandemic recovery has meant that MCC Toronto is short of the financial resources needed to sustain and build on our spiritual and human rights work. Offering revenue has dropped 40% over 2019 levels due to many folks not feeling comfortable about returning to in-person Services. A return to our Christmas Eve Service at Roy Thomson Hall was too risky of a proposition this year, and that means the loss of critical revenues that we've been able to rely upon in the past. And while the ELEVATION Campaign has brought in wonderful new resources to MCC Toronto, those dollars are not replacing the funds needed to maintain our annual operations.

**To address a critical budgetary shortfall, MCC Toronto is today launching [The Best is Yet to Come Campaign](#) with an urgent goal of raising \$125,000 by December 31.**

Will you help?

By making a special gift in support of our Year-End Appeal, you will help ensure that MCC Toronto has the resources to:

- Continue to respond with love and support to the continuing needs of our congregation and the communities we serve;
- Prepare for a celebratory 50th Anniversary year with events and activities that will engage congregants both current and past;
- Expand the slate of Human Rights programming at MCC Toronto, including our life-changing and life-saving LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs.

We know these have been disquieting times but – like you – we have kept the faith. Please consider making a gift in support of our The Best is Yet to Come Campaign so that we can continue to deliver our inclusive spirituality and human rights work. At MCC Toronto, we truly believe the best is yet to come!

Thank you for your continued love and support.

-Rev. Deana Dudley,  
Acting Senior Pastor

**MAKE A GIFT TO THE BEST IS YET TO COME CAMPAIGN TODAY**

Questions? Need assistance? Contact [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com)

## **All Saint's Day & First Responders Appreciation Day |**

**Sunday, Oct 30**



**All Saints Day**, for the Christian faith, is a Holy Day that commemorates those that have departed this living world. While this celebration may be interpreted in a variety of different ways, regardless of how it is observed, this day is still a special time to commemorate our loved ones that we have lost in the past. At this Sunday's Service (Oct 30), we will be taking some dedicated time in our worship service to recognize those who have passed in our lives,

no matter what their perspectives on faith was.

Also, this Sunday is **First Responders Appreciation Day!** Every year, MCC Toronto takes a day to show our appreciation for the work of First Responders in our community – Firefighters, Police Officers, Paramedics, and other public safety and frontline workers. If you are a First Responder or other frontline public safety worker, please feel free to come and receive our thanks. You are welcome to wear the uniform of your service.

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

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## Musical Guest



**Mary Kelly** is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Nova Scotia native, Mary Kelly is always delighted to sing at MCC Toronto. Her repertoire encompasses jazz, folk and musical theatre. She has been a featured soloist for Symphony Nova Scotia and performed at Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes's final Christmas Eve service in December 2017.

Television credits include *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Schitt's Creek*, *Saving Hope*, and *Orphan Black*.

On stage, she has appeared in *My Fair Lady*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Chicago*, and *Sincerely, a Friend*, based on the music of Leonard Cohen—to name just a few!

Her website is [mkdivamusic.com](http://mkdivamusic.com).

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**Join us for Hark! A Christmas Concert on Saturday, Nov 26**



Get into the holiday spirit by joining us for **Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests** in our beautiful Sanctuary on **November 26 with 3 PM and 7 PM** performances.

Along with amazing performances from The Choir of MCC Toronto and Pride & Joy, we are thrilled to welcome some of our favourite musical guests including Bruce Dow, Kelly Holiff, Gavin Hope, Mary Kelly and Cantor David Rosen, all under the music direction of Jason Jestadt.

[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

## Bible Study on Gospel of John | Tuesday, Nov 1 | 7 PM

Our Bible Study series on the Gospel of John continues on Tuesday (**NOV 1**) at **7 PM** on Zoom.

Written decades later than the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, or Luke, John's perspective on the life of Jesus is distinctively mystical. What makes this book unique? What does John say about Jesus that isn't in the other accounts of his life?

Join us to reflect on these questions and more!

[JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013  
Passcode: 493156

## NEW Digital Fellowship Hall Program |

**Beginning Nov 3 | 3 PM**



Have you been missing the connectedness of MCC Toronto's Sunday Afternoon Digital Coffee Hour? Are you still unable to attend in-person worship services at the church? Do you want to catch up with MCC Toronto's clergy and other members of our community?

If so, you're invited to join us in MCC Toronto's **Digital Fellowship Hall** on Zoom. Starting on November 3, we'll be logging on Thursday afternoons at 3 PM check in with the much-needed warmth and encouragement we've been sharing virtually since 2020.

**JOIN DIGITAL FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Meeting ID: 889 7843 8853**  
**Passcode: 560461**

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## **Children's Church | Nov 13**

Our every second Sunday Children's Church returns Sunday, **Nov 13** for kids from kindergarten to grade five. No registration is required but please click [here](#) to tell us about your child/children should you be interested in having them join us.

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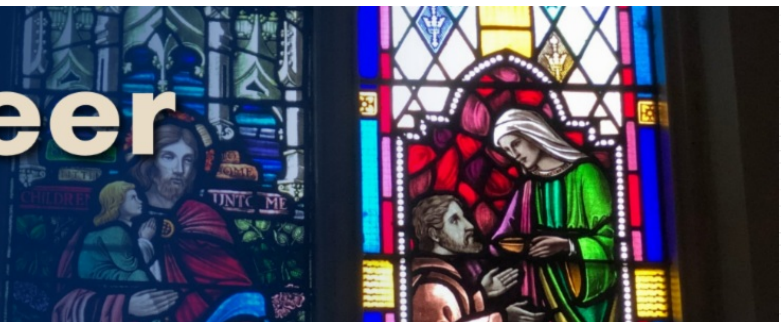
# **Become a Monthly Donor**



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](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com) for more information.

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# **Volunteer with us!**

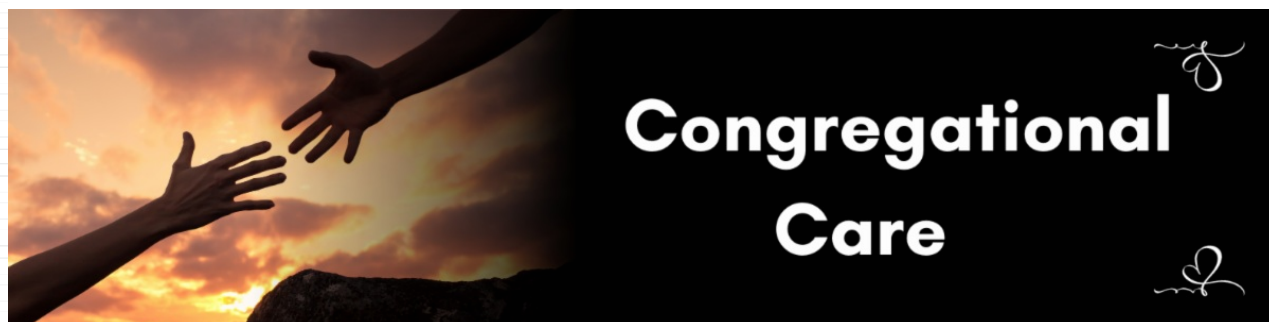


Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

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!](#)

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE](#)

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

[DONATE](#)

**Online and In-Person Programming  
October 30 - November 5**



SEP 30/  
NOV 5

SUNDAY

30

11 AM - Online and In-Person  
Sunday Service

MONDAY

31

TUESDAY

01

7 PM - Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

02

THURSDAY

03

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

3 PM - Digital Fellowship  
Hall

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

05

**Sunday:**

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

**Tuesday:**

7 PM- Bible Study

**Thursday:**

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

(Email: [everwonder@mcctoronto.com](mailto:everwonder@mcctoronto.com))

3 PM- Digital Fellowship Hall



**Bible Study**

Bible Study  
Tuesday | 7 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013

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**Digital Fellowship Hall**

Digital Fellowship Hall  
Thursdays | 3 PM

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**Sunday Service Worship**

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

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**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.

[SHARE THE QUERY HERE](#)

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