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In trans community, I've met some of the toughest people I've ever known. We're a community who'd give almost anything to not have to carry the mantle of "resilient" or "strong" or (for the love of God) "brave." So many of us dream of mediocrity. Of something like ordinariness."

—Rev. Junia Joplin

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) | Nov 20

This week's Sunday Worship Service will be dedicated to **Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR)**, an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

Following the Service we invite trans & nonbinary folks to gather in the chapel for a brief check in and time of prayer.

At **2 PM**, our friends at The 519 are commemorating Trans Day of Remembrance at Barbara Hall Park. Check out the details by clicking [here](#).

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE SERVICE ONLINE](#)



A few weeks ago, we launched [The Best is Yet to Come campaign](#). I wanted to share what that phrase means to me as MCC Toronto's first Director of Human Rights. Some of you may remember the [It Gets Better Campaign](#). Launched in 2010 by queer podcaster and sex and relationship advice columnist Dan Savage and his husband, Terry Miller, this project arose in response to the suicide of Billy Lucas and a slew of other young people who were bullied because they were LGBTQ+ or perceived to be. The campaign saw celebrities, leaders, and "ordinary people" make short videos aimed at young LGBTQ+ people showing them the fullness and beauty of life that awaited them if they could just hold on a little longer. It gets better, or even, the best is yet to come.

Through its existence and its human rights efforts, MCC Toronto has been a physical and spiritual embodiment of this promise and hope. Through community and advocacy, it has been a light for so many in Toronto and around the world. Whether it is a refugee or new Canadian walking through the doors of the sanctuary for the first time and seeing queer community and an explosion of rainbows for the first time, a young person attending school in safety and acceptance at the Triangle Program, or the achievement of marriage and parental equal rights, MCC Toronto has shown that dignity, freedom and joy are all possible.

This vision will continue to guide our human rights work. We imagine a world in which all can live openly and safely regardless of gender identity, expression, presentation or sexual orientation. And our work in support of this vision is only just getting started.

I am so grateful for the warm welcome I have received already and can't wait to meet and collaborate with more of you in the coming months. Thank you so much for your generous support which makes this all possible.

-BJ "Bennett" Jensen, Human Rights Director

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

Questions about making a year-end gift? Need assistance? Contact giving@mcctoronto.com

Musical Guest



Jacob MacInnis is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Jacob is a Toronto-based performer and visual artist. After training for three years at Sheridan College's Music Theatre Performance Program, Jacob has gone on to entertain audiences all over Turtle Island in countless musicals, concerts and cabarets. In 2014 Jacob was nominated for a Dora Mavor-Moore award, and won the Toronto Theatre Critics' Award for best supporting actor in a musical (*James and the Giant Peach*, YPT).

You can follow Jacob on Instagram [@jacobmacinnis](#), check out their visual art [@jacobmacinnisart](#), or listen to their original music on Spotify, Apple Music, or anywhere you listen.

Spread a little JOY for PWA!

Commencing on Sunday **November 20** through to **Sunday December 18**, you can help bring Joy to so many **by dropping off any non-perishable goods to our in-person Worship Services!**

PWA (People with AIDS Foundation) has long-operated an Essentials Market that is the only food bank in Toronto that exclusively serves people living with HIV/AIDS. Since 2012, the PWA's Annual Joy Drive has collected over 10.5 tons of much needed non-perishable good donations, thanks to community supporters.

PWA is requesting the following donated items:

- cans of soup and vegetables
- dry pasta and rice
- baby food
- grain cereals
- nut butters

- personal hygiene products (tooth brushes/tooth paste, hair brushes, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, soap, menstrual products)

The PWA also invites folks to consider making donations of

- unwrapped safe toys (all genders) for babies and children up to 14 years old
- socks, mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats

A drop box for all donations will be set up in the Sanctuary for the next four weeks.

New Advent Bible Study Series Begins Nov 22 | 7 PM

Join our clergy team for the start of a new Advent bible study series that looks at Jesus' beginnings, as told by each of the four gospel writers.

JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013
Passcode: 493156

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



REMINDER! 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.

Be sure to buy your tickets today! Or you can buy them at this week's Sunday Service or at the door.

BUY TICKETS NOW

Children's Church | Nov 27

Our every second Sunday Children's Church returns Sunday, **Nov 27** 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.

World AIDS Day Vigil | Nov 30



MCC Toronto is pleased to host an **Interfaith Vigil for World AIDS Day**, on Wednesday, **November 30** at **7 PM** here at the church. We will be blessed to have musical and other guests from Indigenous, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Afro-Caribbean spiritual traditions. Please join us to remember and pray for those who have died of AIDS, and those living with HIV.

LEARN MORE HERE



We're Hiring!

Office Manager

Full Time (40 hours per week)

\$60,000 – 70,000 per year

We're looking for a full-time Office Manager to join our Staff Team. The successful candidate will serve 3 primary functions: 1) Office Management and Coordination of Staff Team 2) Administrative Assistance to the Executive Leadership Team – Senior Pastor, Executive Director, Human Rights Director; and 3) Worship, Events & Programs Support – project managing weekly worship, coordinating volunteers, preparing worship slides and orders of service, and assist with planning and execution of events and programs.

Application Deadline: **5 PM | November 30, 2022**

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

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 support our operations. You can sign up on our [website](#) or contact giving@mcctoronto.com for more information.

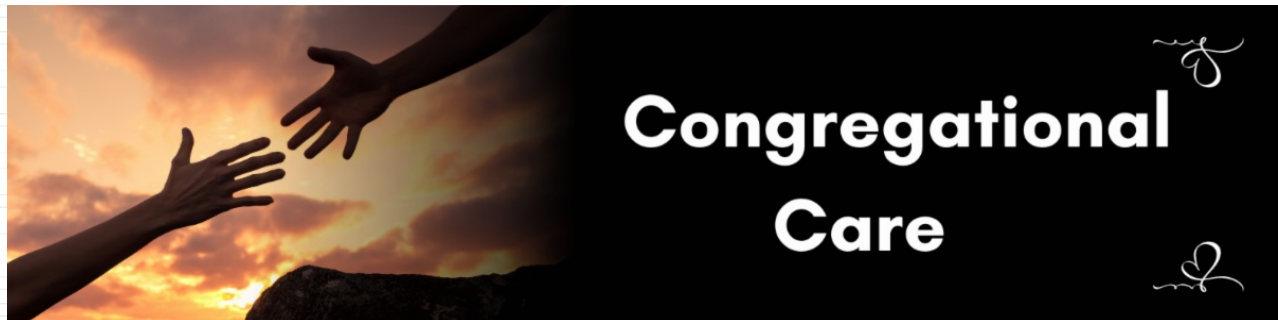
Volunteer with us!

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

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**Online and In-Person Programming
November 20 - 26**

NOVEMBER
20-26

SUNDAY

20

11 AM - Online and In-Person
Sunday Service

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

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7 PM - Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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

3 PM - Digital Fellowship
Hall

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

26

3 PM - Hark! A Christmas
Concert

7 PM - Hark! A Christmas
Concert

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)

3 PM- [Digital Fellowship Hall](#)

Saturday:

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7 PM- Hark! A Christmas Concert



Bible Study

[Bible Study](#)

Tuesday | 7 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013

Passcode: 493156



Digital Fellowship Hall

[Digital Fellowship Hall](#)

Thursdays | 3 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 889 7843 8853

Passcode: 560461



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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