



"Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead."

- Nelson Mandela

Celebrating 50 Years of Vibrant, Inclusive, & Progressive Faith Community



Our official 50th Anniversary as a church is almost here! We are celebrating 50 years of this vibrant, inclusive, progressive faith community and all of the work we have done over the years toward love and justice for all. All year long (and before!) MCC staff and dedicated volunteers have been working on some fabulous events and activities to celebrate MCC Toronto's 50th Anniversary year in style! We'll be celebrating all year, with more special events and programs to come, but I want to make sure you are ready to celebrate with us on **Sunday, July 16**. This will be a SUPER special Service, with special musical performances, as well as other surprises and delights. Then we will be hosting a Community Picnic in Riverdale Park East, just down the street from the church, with free food and games for everyone **from 1 - 4 PM** – this is open to the whole community and will be a fun opportunity to hang out with our church friends and celebrate together!

MCC Toronto 50th Anniversary T Shirts!



Due to overwhelming demand, MCC Toronto is ordering an additional block of our fabulous 50th Anniversary T Shirts.

Note: You can purchase online or pre-order your T Shirts at the Info Desk on this Sunday, on July 9, by paying with credit/debit only. If you like to pay cash for a T Shirt, you can do so on July 18.

LEARN MORE & ORDER YOURS TODAY!

July 9 Sunday Worship Service

We have a special Worship Service planned for you this **Sunday, July 9!** First, we're so delighted that Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, CM, will be our guest preacher once again!



Second, we will present Anniversary Awards and member medallions to recognize and honour those who have contributed to our MCC Toronto community!

2023 ACBM

Right after the Service, **at 12:45 PM**, our Annual Congregational Business Meeting (ACBM) 2023 will be held. All members, congregants and interested parties are welcome to join us.

You can watch the proceedings **ONLINE!** If you are a voting member, please register ahead of time **HERE**.

We **STRONGLY** encourage you to read the documents before the ACBM by clicking **HERE** and getting to know the candidates for election to MCC Toronto's Board of



BACK IN 1973 ARQUIVES

As MCC Toronto celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2023, we are launching a new weekly column looking back at the year 1973 to identify the news, happenings and trends that defined the year of MCC Toronto's founding. This week, we look at The ArQuives.

Like our friends at MCC Toronto, The **ArQuives** is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! We were founded in 1973 as The Canadian Gay Liberation Movement Archives out of the filing cabinet of The Body Politic (TBP) Collective. Founded in 1971, The Body Politic Collective realized that the growing number of records created by the Collective over the years and that were being received from around the world had created a treasure trove of LGBTQ2+ history. They had inadvertently created a Canadian LGBTQ2+ archival collection, a collection that would not be welcomed or safe in any existing archive in Canada. The LGBTQ2+ community worked to keep its own history safe by creating a space for the material to be donated and accessed by community members in an effort to take control of community stories and histories.

It would be a few years (1975) before the first statement of purpose would lay out the two aims of the organization. "The collection, preservation, and arrangement of information and materials in any medium by and about gay people, with emphasis on Canada; and the encouragement of and assistance in the use of this materials, as well as assistance in the search for new sources."

At our founding, there were no other LGBTQ2+ archives in Canada and few existed in the world. While the organization has had several names over the years, including the Canadian Gay Archives and the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives, that mission has remained largely unchanged, though "gay" has been updated with more inclusive language to ensure that the entire spectrum of LGBTQ2+ experiences is represented within the wording.

The ArQuives are proud to house 50 years of MCC Toronto's archival material.

- Raegan Swanson, Executive Director, The ArQuives

Musical Guest

Sara Anne Campbell is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Sara Anne Campbell is a transgender woman who has proudly performed as her authentic self for the past six years, and proudly advocates that every day should be a 'Transgender Day of Visibility.'

She is a multi-instrumental singer-songwriter and has performed solo as well as in duos, trios, and bands around



Durham Region, in Toronto pubs, and at a variety of open stages.

Sara's latest project is in the works in conjunction with the newly formed all-girl band, Crazy Diamond.

July 9 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

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



MCC Toronto is seeking a Senior Pastor. If you are interested please read the details by clicking on the link below.

If you know someone who may be interested, please share.

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MCC Toronto Human Rights Centre Update



Good things are happening at the MCC Toronto Human Rights Centre! We invite you to join us for new programs and events this summer, and find new ways to stay connected online!



Sign up for Outspoken

Our monthly newsletter is packed with essential information on community events, advocacy, action, resources, and exciting new programs from MCC Toronto. Outspoken aims to connect you with your community and amplify your voice in the city and beyond! Sign up for Outspoken [here](#).

RBC Youth Leadership Initiative

Applications open on July 10th for the RBC Youth Leadership Initiative, a program offering grant funding, mentorship, and support to youth leaders ages 15-29 who are looking for support to start or continue an initiative that promotes youth mental well-being. Follow [@mcchumanrights](#) on Instagram for updates and to share this opportunity!



"All Bodies Are Good Bodies" FREE Yoga Classes

Join us for free, beginner-friendly classes for all ages, abilities, bodies, and genders to practice self-care in a space free of judgment and full of joy! Next class: July 19, 7-8 PM. Register [here](#).

Save the Date – Proud Voices

Mark July 28th in your calendars for the next Proud Voices! These sessions bring together influential queer leaders from various fields for insightful interviews and engaging Q&A sessions at the intersection of queerness, faith, and education.



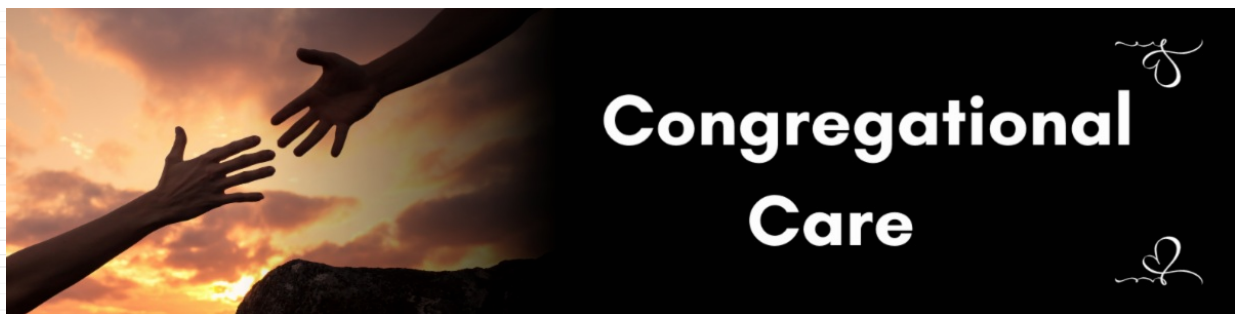
MCC Toronto is incredibly grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and other public programs. Please note at this time we are unable to accept new applications for Worship Team volunteer demands due to a high volume of interest. Please click on the link below for other volunteer opportunities.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER 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.



Taking care of ourselves or others is always important. 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 about our Congregational Care program? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

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This Week at a Glance July 9 - 15

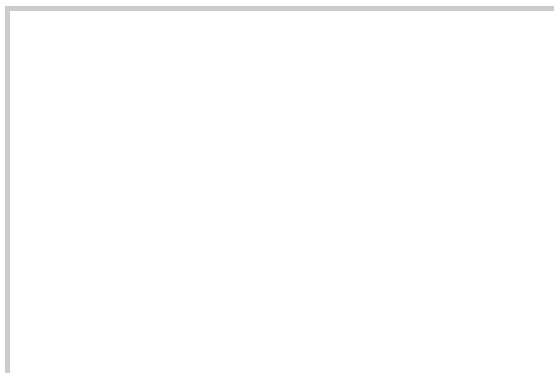
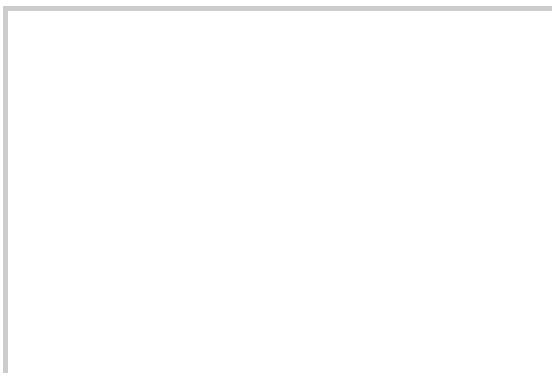
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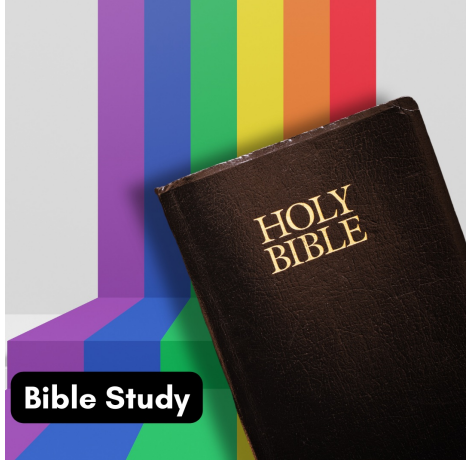
11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

12:45 PM - ACBM

Thursday:

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





Bible Study

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Resumes in September



Digital Fellowship Hall

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Join us for

Online and In-Person Worship Services

Sunday 11 AM | MCC Toronto YouTube

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