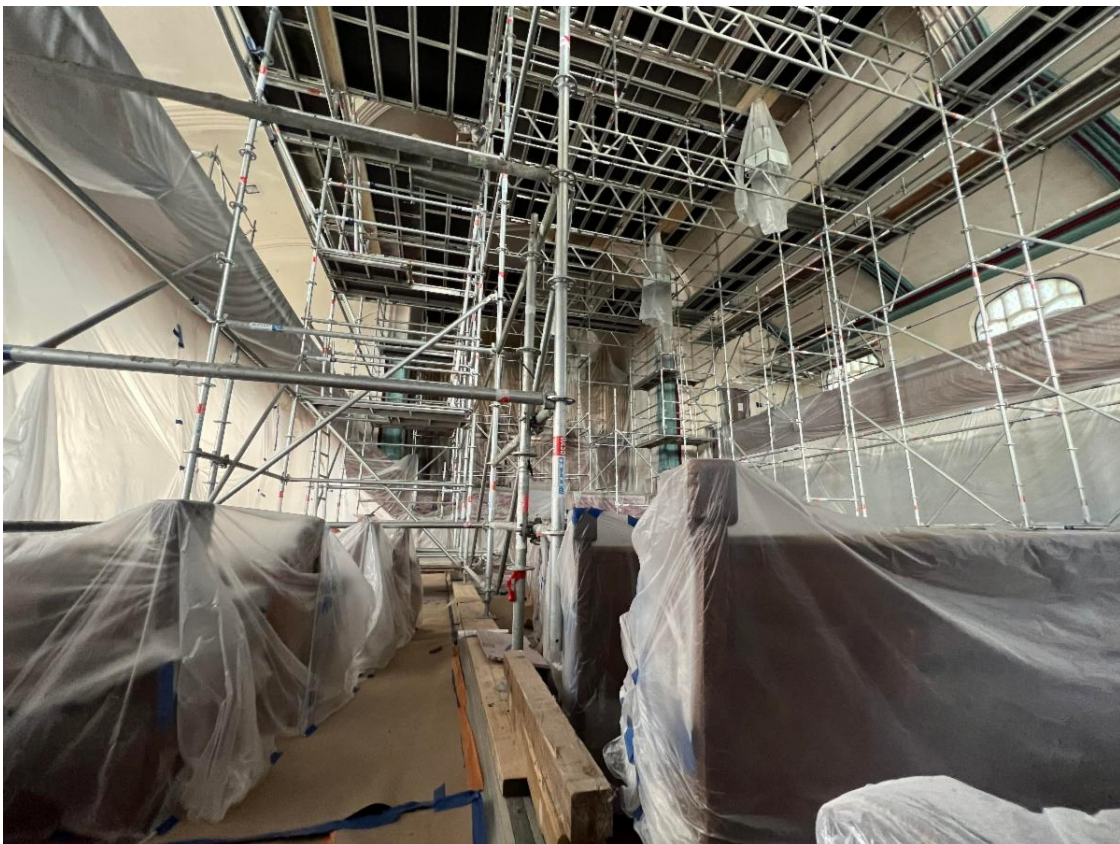




"Whenever you are creating beauty around you, you are restoring your own soul."

- Alice Walker

Sanctuary Project Update



Hello dear friends,

I'm delighted to provide you with an update on the renovation of our cherished Sanctuary, a place we're all eagerly anticipating returning to!

As you can see in the picture above, the scaffolding is up, allowing us to install much-needed fans to keep our Sanctuary comfortably cool during the sweltering summer days. At present, we're also giving those high ceiling spots a fresh coat of paint.

On the lower floor, we patched up the damages caused by humidity, plastered the cracks, and gave the walls and ceilings some TLC – some areas are already rocking a stylish first

coat of paint!

Next week, we're waving the scaffolding goodbye and finishing up painting all the lower areas. Plus, we've got a few extras up our sleeves – some lighting, a fresh carpet in the areas that needed some love, and affixing new trusty handrails.

So, the good news is that we're cruising right along the schedule, and as planned, we're in the middle of the renovation project. As previously announced, we are still working toward a mid to late September re-opening.

I'm so excited to welcome you back to our beautiful Sanctuary, reveal all the remarkable changes, and enjoy the Sunday Services with you.

Cheers,

- Santiago Arias
Interim Facilities Manager

P.S. You should also know that Santiago just completed the Friends for Life Bike Rally, riding from Toronto to Montreal in 6 days to raise funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. Santiago dedicated his ride to our late Facilities Manager, Mark Asselin, and rode Mark's bike on the journey. Good job, Santiago!

- Rev. Deana Dudley,
Acting Senior Pastor



MCC Toronto 50th Anniversary T Shirts!



With apologies, T Shirts will not be available for purchase or pick up this Sunday.

If you have pre-ordered a T Shirt, you can pick it up next Sunday (**August 27**) at the Service.

If you are interested in buying one, you can purchase with **debit/credit or exact change** at the Info Desk following **next** Sunday's Worship Service. Or you can

ORDER YOUR T SHIRT ONLINE TODAY

Musical Guest



Troy Adams

Troy Adams is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Originally from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Troy Adams has been performing in various theatres across Canada for the last 33 years. Toronto audiences may have seen him singing down in the Distillery District as part of Soulpepper's concert series, or in Musical Stage Co.'s production of *Next to Normal*.

A few other recent productions include Soulpepper's production of *Angels in America*, Parts 1 and 2 (Belize); *Dreamgirls* at Theatre Aquarius / The Grand Theatre (Jimmy Early); *Othello* at Shakespeare by the Sea (Othello); *Wanderlust* at the Stratford Festival (The Balladeer); *Shrek: The Musical* at Neptune

Theatre / The Grand Theatre (Donkey); *The Adventures of a Black Girl in Search of God* at the Harbourfront Centre / Centaur Theatre / NAC (Ancestor); and *Cinderella* at the Neptune Theatre (Cinderella's father).

This recording was originally for Neptune Theatre's online telethon, in which I was asked to take part. I wanted to submit something that spoke to me artistically and reflected what my soul needed to express regarding what was happening at that time with both the global race protests and the pandemic. Being of mixed heritage (Black Loyalist, Mi'kmaq and Scottish), I decided that *Make Them Hear You* was the perfect choice.

I also wanted to express that this was not our first uprising. Rather, I think the excerpt from Martin Luther King's speech in 1966 reflects exactly what we are still demanding today. The photos of Frederick Douglass and the Black Lives Matter protesters serve to further highlight the many times we have had to stand up to inequality. Until equality happens, I say *Make Them Hear You*.

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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 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!

□ Donate Your Summer Clothes to a Good Cause! □



As the summer heat intensifies, let's come together to make a difference in the lives of those in need!

We're organizing a Summer Clothes Donation Drive to support our LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs and our community members who are less fortunate and in need of some relief from the sweltering temperatures. Whether it's breezy dresses, cool t-shirts, shorts, or sandals, your gently-used items can bring joy and comfort to someone else's summer!



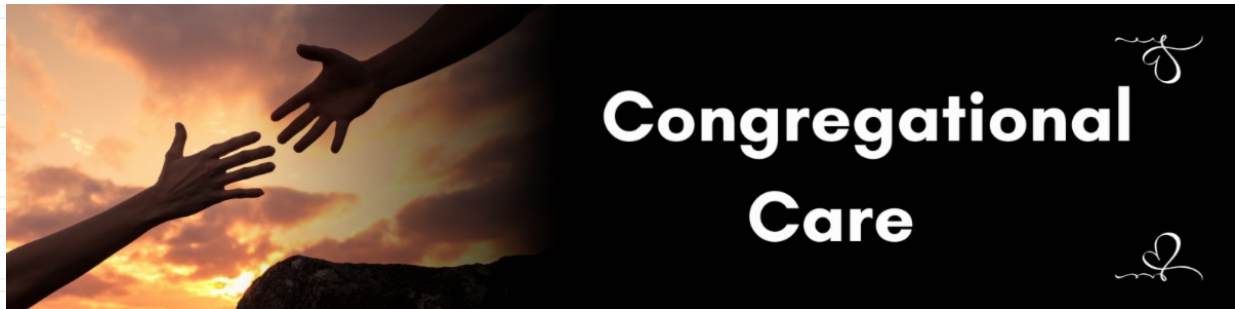
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Taking care of ourselves or others is always important. Just hop on the link below and fill out the form to let one of our pastors know about your needs.

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 August 20 - 26

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and in-person Worship Service

Thursday:

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



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Resumes in September



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We'd love to hear from you!

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