



"Reconciliation includes anyone with an open heart and an open mind, who is willing to look at the future in a new way. Let us find a way to belong to this time and place together. Our future and the well-being of all our children, rests with the kind of relationships we build today."

- Chief Dr. Robert Joseph

## **A Spectacular Homecoming in our Beloved Sanctuary!**



It is with immense joy and gratitude that we welcome you to join us for this year's Homecoming celebration in our newly-renovated Sanctuary at MCC Toronto. Homecoming is a cherished tradition in our church, a time when we come together as a family to celebrate our shared faith, reminisce about cherished memories, and look ahead to a future filled with hope and purpose.

As we gather for this special day, we reflect on the significance of homecoming and the sense of belonging it brings to our hearts. Homecoming isn't just a tradition; it's an opportunity to renew our spiritual bonds and strengthen the ties that bind us together. It's a chance to rekindle old friendships and make new ones.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church family, and we can't wait to celebrate Homecoming with you this Sunday!

- Rev. Deana Dudley(she/they),  
Acting Senior Pastor and CEO

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## National Day for Truth & Reconciliation | Sept 30



Artwork: *Truth*, by Portia Chapman (she/her) ([@loveartbypo](#))

**Today**(September 30) marks the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, a day dedicated to the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families, and the active history being written. We urge everyone to use this day—and every day— as a chance to deepen their understanding of injustices in the past and present, access the many educational resources available, and contribute to and show up for initiatives led by indigenous organizers.

[READ MORE](#)

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## 50th Anniversary Concert | Oct 19



Have you gotten your tickets for [MCC Toronto's 50th Anniversary Concert](#) yet?

Our incredible Music Director, Jason Jestadt (he/him), has been pouring his heart and soul into crafting an absolutely sensational show to mark our 50th Anniversary Concert! Watch below as Jason shares the captivating tales behind the music he chose for this momentous event.



BECOME A DONOR, BUY TICKETS, MAKE A DONATION

Tickets for the **50th Anniversary Concert** hosted on **October 19** cost \$75 (including HST), and special donor packages are available for \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. While the **50th Anniversary Concert** is a critically important fundraising event for MCC Toronto, we are working to provide accommodation to folks wishing to attend but who may not have the resources. If you are interested in attending and require accommodation, please send an email to [office@mcctoronto.com](mailto:office@mcctoronto.com).

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## Musical Guests

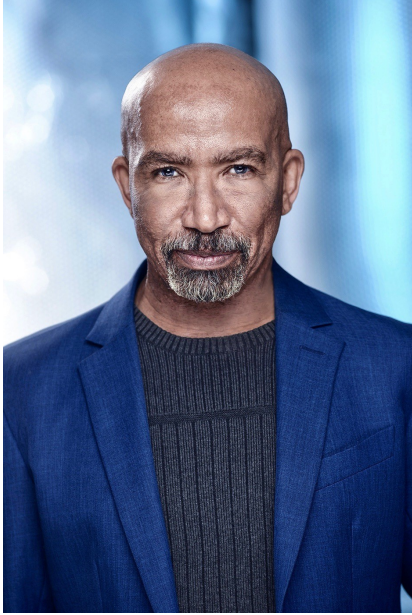
**Mark Cassius** (he/him) and **Peter Henderson** (he/him) are our musical guests this Sunday!

Mark is a concert and musical theatre artist. He is a graduate of Sheridan College's Music Theatre Program and is presently working on a Masters degree in Music Composition at York University.

He is highly recognized for his work as a member of the world-renowned acapella group, The Nylons (1997–2005). On Broadway, he has performed in *Ragtime*, the revivals of *Shenandoah* (1989) and *Jesus Christ Superstar* (2012). Other musical theatre credits include *Cats* (Canadian Premier), *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber In Concert*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (with Donny Osmond), *Miss Saigon*, *Showboat*, and *The Musical of Musicals (The Musical)* (Broadway World “Best Actor” nominee).

He has been featured at both the Shaw and the





Stratford Festivals. At Stratford, the role of “Mr. Magix” in *My One and Only* (2008), won him critical acclaim. He is a performance instructor at the Randolph College for the Performing Arts and is completely dedicated to the nurturing of the artist. Sharing at MCC Toronto is always a joy and an absolute blessing. Follow him on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter [@TheMarkCassius](#)

Peter grew up in rural Ontario, where, without a lot else to do as a kid, he spent many hours sitting in front of his parents' old Zenith console singing along to the likes of the Carpenters, Elvis, Englebert Humperdinck, Tammy Wynette and Ronnie Milsap.

After university, Peter studied classical voice at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto for several years. He sings from time to time at weddings and other gatherings of family and friends, and at church.

Peter joined the Choir of MCC Toronto in 2012. His proudest musical accomplishment to date is having written two songs with Diane Leah and Stephanie Martin. Stephanie sang “Middle Ground” at MCC in 2018, and Peter has performed “Me, Jesus and Jack” at MCC Toronto on several occasions.



Peter credits his love of music to his mother, who sang around the house in a beautiful, unacknowledged soprano voice as she went about her task of looking after 8 children.

**October 1 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel**

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

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**Help Award COP grant(s) to worthy organizations!**

# Community Outreach Partnership Grant Application

**REMINDER!** Are you involved with community organizations doing good work in 2SLGBTQIA+, human rights, health or social services? Do you know organizations that are making a difference in our community?

If yes, please send them this link (hyperlink to webpage) and invite them to apply for a 2023 Community Outreach Partnerships (COP) Grant before **Friday, October 20!** MCC Toronto's long-standing COP granting program is funded by congregants and members who contribute \$10 a month to help support an annual prize of \$5,000 awarded to an organization/s doing good community work and with missions that align with ours.

Please help spread the word!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP GRANT

## 50th Anniversary Coffee Cups - Now on Sale!



By popular demand, we are now making our fabulous 50th Anniversary Coffee Cups available for sale beginning this Homecoming weekend!

Adorned with our 50th Anniversary logo, these cups are for sale from our Info Desk. **Cups cost \$15 each and can be purchased with credit/debit or by having exact change.**

**FREE Knitting for Seniors | Sun Oct. 1 | After Service**



Our Senior's Programming invites you to **beginner knitting** classes. If you're already a knitter, you're welcome to join in building this community. Just so you know, knitting needles and yarn will be provided, but we need the needles back at the end of the three sessions, so we recommend bringing your own. We'll give you a list of recommended supplies and where to get them in the last session.

The classes will be held on **October 1, right after the Service** in MCC Toronto's **Rainbow Room**. Grab your Coffee and meet you there!

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## Blessing of the Animals | Oct 8



The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals and the environment) happens in early October every year. Animals 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 church on **October 8!** It will be **right after the Service**, outside the church (weather permitting).

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## Angels of the Month





Our Angels of the Month are the folks who made worship in the McCain Family Social possible, from a technical standpoint, over the past two months. From our sound people, **Jim** and **Prince**, who tune and make sure everyone is heard beautifully, to our multimedia team, **Michael**, **Carol**(she/her), **Amon** (he/him), and our webcast team, **Abiodun**, **Dennis**, **Duncan**, **Rain** and **Carol** who bring the service to those worshipping online. With grace and good humour, these folks worked hard to ensure the technical quality of our Services, for which we are all grateful.

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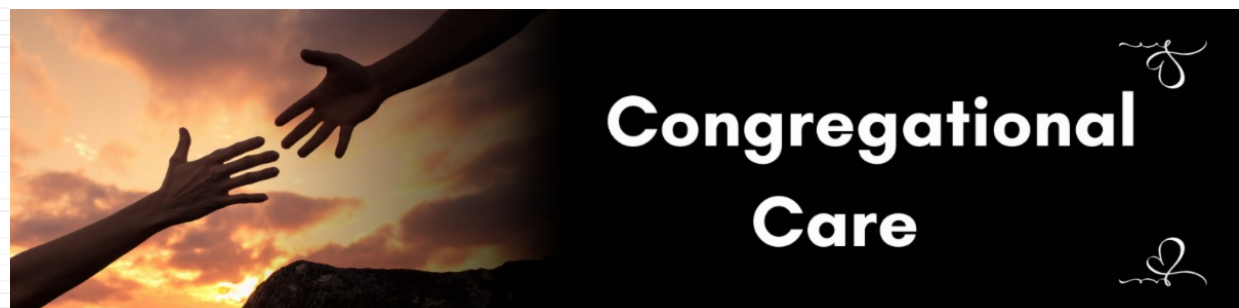


Serving up meals to students in the Triangle Program is one of our most in-demand volunteer offerings! The Triangle Lunch Program returns for the 2023-2024 school year in September, and we need help in the kitchen! Volunteer opportunities are currently available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a Monday lunch program is in the works.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)



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](mailto: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](#) (she/her)!

REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE

## This Week at a Glance October 1 - 7

### Sunday:

11 AM - Online and in-person Worship Service

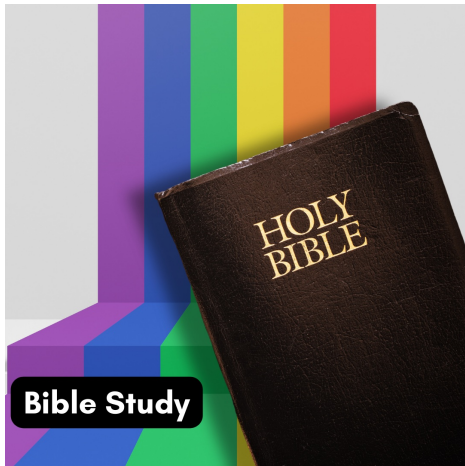
### Tuesday:

7 PM - Bible Study

### Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

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



#### Bible Study

Tuesday | 7:00 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 897 1945 8479

Password: 559690



#### Children's Church

Resumes on October 8

Sign up your child/ren [HERE](#)




Questions? Comments? Enquiries?  
We'd love to hear from you!

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