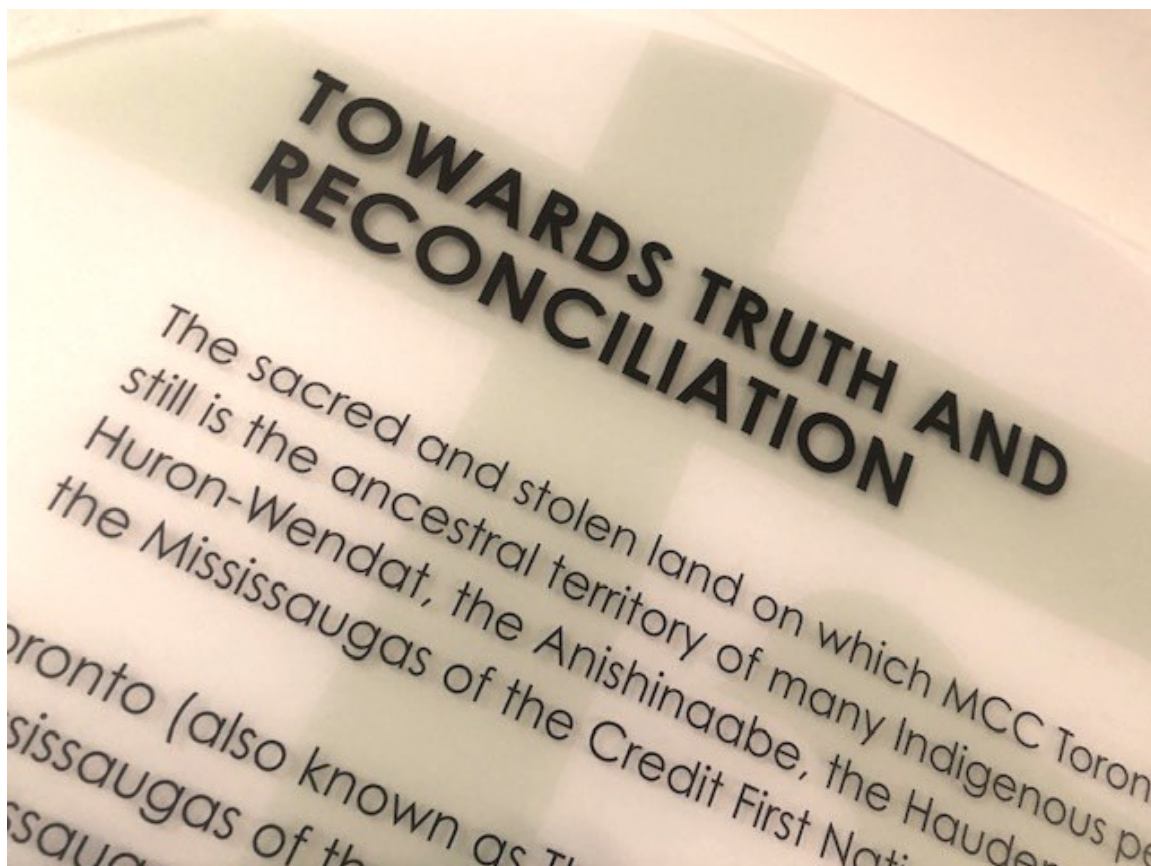




"Reconciliation is a way of seeing and living life. It is about being intentional in how we interact with one another—how we show respect. Reconciliation is a shared responsibility between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples."

-Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada

Land Acknowledgement Plaque



At last Sunday's Worship Service, I was pleased to dedicate a new Land Acknowledgment plaque near the main entrance to our sanctuary. We were blessed to have Elder Rod Michano do a sacred smudging of our worship space. It's also now in a prominent place on our [website](#). I'm pleased that it's there now, because it is really important for us as an organization and as individuals, to be informed, involved, and aware of Indigenous land rights issues.

This is only a small step for us to take, and it is probably long overdue. As a faith community we need to be constantly mindful of our obligations and opportunities to be

more loving, and more just, to others.

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

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes | Guest Preaching | Oct 29



MCC Toronto is proud to welcome Senior Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes (he/him) back to the pulpit at this Sunday's Worship Service. We will also be dedicating the new "Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes Interfaith Chapel" that was announced at the launch of our Congregational Campaign for the **ELEVATION Campaign** in April 2022.

Musical Guest | Oct 29



Jacob MacInnis (they/them) 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.

October 29 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

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

Photos with Clergy to be moved from Worship Services

Following a most regrettable incident last Sunday, MCC Toronto has made the difficult decision to suspend the taking of photographs after our Sunday Worship Services. Due to the increased demand for this activity in support of our cherished LGBTQ+ refugee program participants, we have decided to integrate the taking of photographs into our LGBTQ+ Refugee Program activities where our program participants gather.

Starting November 20, our refugee photography sessions will be integrated into the twice-monthly LGBTQ+ Refugee Program Orientation sessions, beginning at 1:30 PM. Participation will be limited to individuals with advanced registration and detailed registration information will be provided in an upcoming newsletter from the LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs.

We believe this move will ensure a less busy and more amiable Social Hour & Cookie Situation while also providing better access and opportunity to our program participants looking for photographs with the Worship Team in support of their refugee claimant cases.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to enhance the experience for all members of our community.

Introducing our Board Co-Chairs



We are delighted to announce that the Board of Directors have recently confirmed Susan Leslie-Berkis and James Beattie as Board Co-Chairs. Please join in thanking them - and the entire Board - for their service! Questions to the Board of Directors can be directed to bofd@mcctoronto.com.

MCC Toronto Membership Classes | Nov 5 & 7

Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming an official member of MCC Toronto? Would you like to learn more about what church membership means, and what kind of church we are? Two upcoming membership classes are being offered - one in person, and one virtual. Join us either on Sunday, November 5 at 12:45 PM in the Rainbow Room, or on Tuesday, November 7 PM on Microsoft Teams.

After completing the class, participants may or may not choose to proceed with church membership.

In order to participate you must be:

- a regular worship attendee (at least 3+ months)
- a financial contributor
- willing to volunteer
- ready to make a long-term commitment to MCC Toronto

No registration is required. Details for the virtual class will be published in next week's Query!

Queer Care Circle | Nov 6 | 6 PM



Donations are needed! Clean out your closet and bring everything to MCC Toronto. All donations will be distributed to LGBTIA+ youth and newcomers at our winter clothing drive.

Hark! A Christmas Concert | Dec 9 | 3 & 7 PM



It still might not be Hallowe'en (**boo!**) but The Choir of MCC Toronto is already in the Christmas spirit! Tickets for **Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests** at the low, low cost of \$25 are now on sale! Hosted in our beautiful Sanctuary on **Saturday December 9** with performances at **3 PM & 7 PM**, this annual MCC Toronto Christmas with The Choir tradition is a great way to kick-off your Christmas festivities. This year's **Hark! Concert** features performances from The Choir of MCC Toronto and Pride & Joy, with special guests Alana Bridgewater, Bruce Dow, Sterling Jarvis and Cantor David Rosen, all under the music direction of Jason Jestadt.

Tickets can be purchased at the link below, from the Info Desk before or after Sunday Worship Services, or at the door.

Hark! is made possible by a gift from Walter Donovan, made in loving memory of his partner Lee Hill.

[BUY TICKETS ONLINE](#)



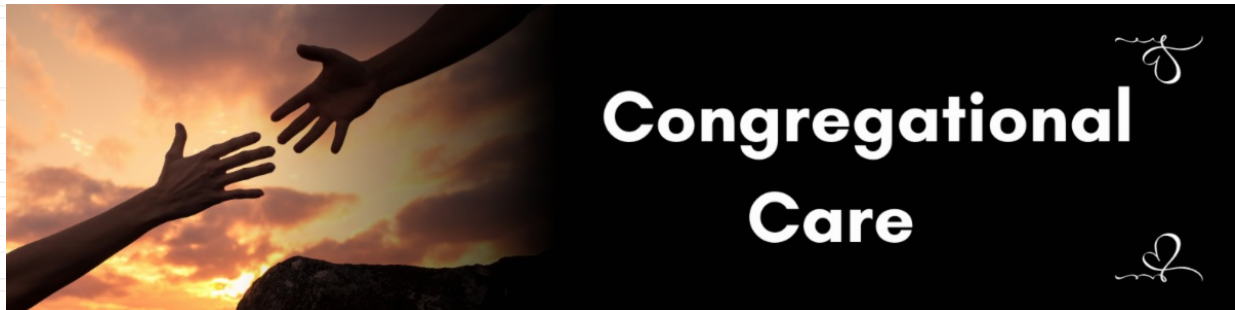
Volunteers are the heartbeat of MCC Toronto! Please click below to review current volunteer opportunities!

[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](#) (she/her)!

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE](#)

This Week at a Glance October 29 - November 4

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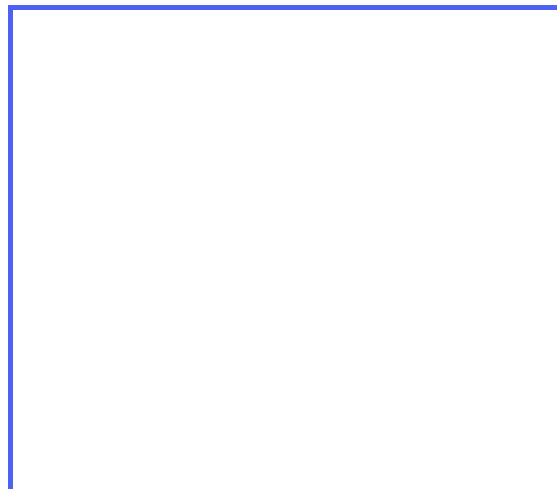
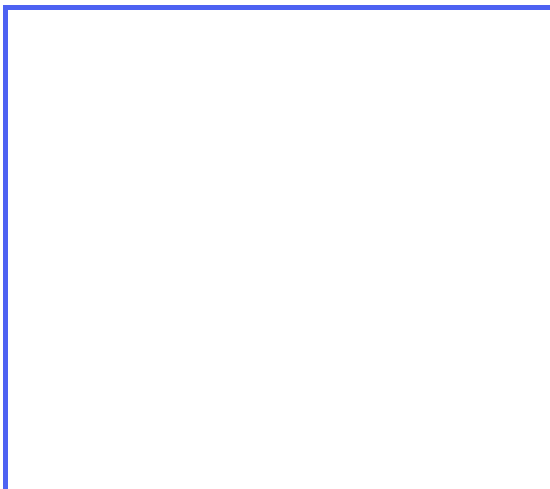
11 AM - Online and in-person Worship Service

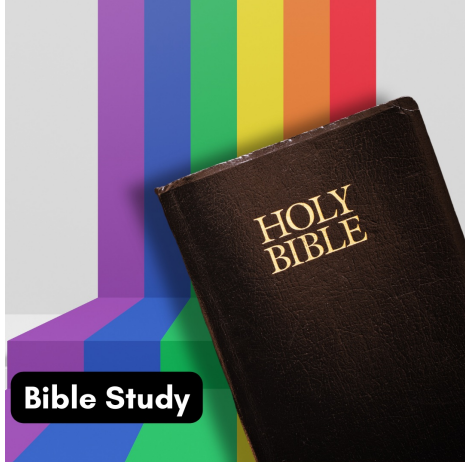
11 AM - Children's Church

Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)





Bible Study

Bible Study
Resumes Nov 14



Children's Church

Children's Church (VIP Kids)
Weekly - During Sunday Services
Sign up your child/ren [HERE](#)



Questions? Comments? Enquiries? We'd love to hear from you!
Connect with us at communications@mcctoronto.com



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