

Meeting Summary 01/24

January 26, 2024 / 6:15pm / Zoom Meet

AGENDA

1. Senior Leadership Update
2. Financial Review
3. Departmental Presentation
4. Miscellaneous

NOTES

As usual, the meeting opened and closed with a prayer, seeking guidance as we continue to build the important work that this community is doing and reflect and learn from the past year.

1. **Senior Leadership Update:** Deana Dudley is officially installed as MCC Toronto's 5th Senior Pastor. Several relationships are being fostered with other organizations such as the Queer Muslim Network and el-Tawid Juma Circle, living MCC Toronto's mission of "building bridges". Lent and Easter planning is underway, including community activities. Interest in volunteering is high – with the need for planning and coordination to meet the demand, a challenge given current resources. Children's Church went from every other week to now every Sunday. Several programs are growing (e.g. Free/Low-cost therapy and yoga) as well as planning for various events (e.g. Interfaith Concert for Peace)
2. **Financial Review:** The Finance Committee is finalizing the December month end operating statement and – while not finalized – anticipates the year end projection to be a little better than the last projection given some targets being exceeded (e.g. year end campaign).
3. **Departmental Presentation:** Dave Kerr (Director of the Refugee Program at MCC Toronto) shared information and data about the range of programs and partnerships done as part of the program – with thousands of program participants in 2023. The program encompasses various audiences from refugees to refugee claimants and newcomers.
4. **Miscellaneous:**
 - The Engagement Committee provided an update following the introduction of the committee to the congregation on January 14 and discussed how the Board can further support the committee.
 - With some terms coming to an end in June, planning for the 2024 Board of Directors slate has begun, for voting at the June Annual Congregational Business Meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

March 6 and April 24, 2024