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We are a part of a global movement.

Our denomination (Metropolitan Community Churches) offers conferences throughout the year.

Take advantage of the following.

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

“General Conference, 2016”

July 4—8, 2016, Monday—Friday

Fairmont Empress Hotel

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Get Connected

June—July 2015

at Founders MCC

and Change the World, One Life at a Time!

We believe that we are called to put our faith into action, to truly be the embodiment of Christ in the world around us. To that end, we have a number of programs and ministries in which you can participate and serve.

We are a much more than a “Sunday” church. We not only offer incredible worship, we also strive to provide opportunities to enhance your own life in numerous areas, as well as offer opportunities to be of service to others.

Inside this brochure you will find the schedule of events that are happening here for the months of June and July. These include:

- **Spiritual Enrichment:** Study groups, Bible Study, Worship, Creating a Life that Matters
- **Helping those in Need:** Reach out through our Helping Hands Ministries through our numerous Drives throughout the year
- **Creating Community:** These are groups that are geared towards different areas of interest (Women’s & Men’s Groups, HIV+ s Support Group, Filipino outreach and more)
- **Behind the Scenes:** From answering the phones to preparing our worship services to be viewed all over the world
- **Just for Fun:** A church that prays together and plays together, stays together!
- **Beyond Founders MCC:** Denominationally sponsored conferences
- And, of course, **Where to Park on Sundays!**

We know that YOU will be blessed as you take part in the life of Founders Metropolitan Community Church.

*Christ has no body but yours,
no hands, no feet on Earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes.
You are His body.
Christ has no body now on Earth but yours.*

Updated June 2015

~ Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)



Sundays

Worship Services: 9:00 AM, Liturgical Worship; 11:00 AM Celebratory Worship; 1:30 PM Servicio en Español
8:00 PM, Creative Worship (2nd Sunday of each month) 6:15 PM, Gospel Worship (5th Sunday)

Hope Group: **1st Sunday, 1:00 PM, Chapel**
This monthly Support Group focuses on Mental Health.
Rev. Caedmon Grace for more information (revcaedmon@mccla.org)

Mondays

Eagle Rock Home Group: Ongoing small gathering that includes fellowship, teachings and prayer, in the home of congregants. Eagle Rock, 2nd & 4th Mondays, homegroups@mccla.org

Desarrollo Emocional en Los Angeles: Hunter Room, revalejandro@mccla.org **7:00 PM, Hunter Room**

Desarrollo espiritual: Lesbianas obteniendo vidas exitosas:
7:00 PM en sur Los Angeles, en Bienestar, 130 W. Manchester Avenue, revalejandro@mccla.org

Tuesdays

New Queer Faith Forum (Discipleship) **1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, Preschool 7:00 PM**
Examine what the Bible teaches about discipleship; Respond to Jesus' call to share the Good News of God's radical, inclusive love. When we gather, we share, we listen, we read, we think, we grow. Rev. Bruce Calkins, Facilitator

Wednesdays

Mass without the Guilt **6:45 PM, Chapel**
1st & 3rd Wednesday—English, 2nd & 4th Wednesday Spanish
A bilingual (Spanish/English) catholic mass with a progressive message. Communion and songs bilingual.

Wednesday Night Study **7:30 PM, Upper Room**

Estudio Biblico **7:30 PM, Chapel**
Un estudio de la Biblia en una manera contemporánea. (Rev. Alejandro Escoto, revalejandro@mccla.org)

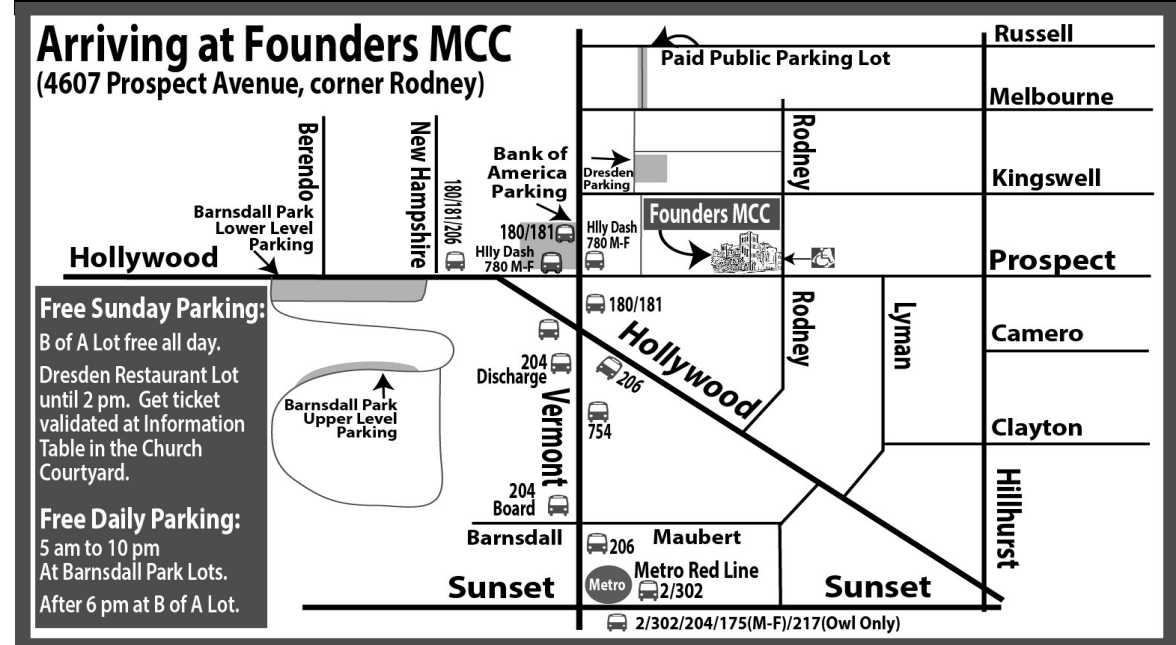
Thursdays

Bayanihan: A Filipino Ministry (Bible Study & More!) **2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Hunter Room**
A dynamic, bi-monthly Bible Study group, with a focus on the Filipino community.
Camille Araullo for more information (bayanihan@mccla.org)

Now, Who's Who again?

<p>STAFF</p> <p>Gap Pastor Rev. Elder Ken Martin</p> <p>Senior Pastor (vacant)</p> <p>Minister of Congregational Life Rev. Caedmon D. Grace</p> <p>Minister of Spanish Speaking Congregation (ICM) Rev. Alejandro Escoto</p> <p>Minister of Congregational Care (vacant)</p> <p>Music Director Jane Syftestad</p> <p>Choir Director, ICM Service Peter Kirkpatrick</p>	<p>Volunteer Clergy on Staff Rev. Kittredge Cherry Rev. Dr. Lori Dick Rev. Tim Hamilton Rev. Barbara Haynes Rev. Steve Pieters Rev. Steve Swafford Rev. Sandy Williams</p> <p>Minister of Social Justice Pastor Lucia Chappelle</p> <p>Staff Pastor Pastor Tory Topjian</p> <p>Facilities Manager Jeffery Jones</p> <p>Church Administrator PJ Escobar</p>	<p>Board of Directors</p> <p>Tracy Adams Ernesto Amaya Sheldon Cabrera-Miller Don Mueller Jenni Nichols Shauna Ramirez-Roseborough Dr. Stephan Scoggins Michael Southerland, Clerk</p> <p>Rev Elder Ken Martin, Moderator</p> <p>Lay Delegates</p> <p>Lisa Arnold Joseph Castillo Amy LaCoe</p>
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Where Do I Park on Sunday?



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and more...

NEW GAP PASTOR

The board of directors has been working closely with the MCC Office of Church Life and Health and is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Elder Don Eastman as the Gap Pastor for Founders MCC. Rev. Elder Eastman will be with us starting July 7th through September 8th. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, including serving on the board of Elders from 1983 until 2007. As a dedicated student of church life and growth, Rev. Eastman has been one of MCC's most passionate advocates for ministry excellence in local churches. In 1995, he created the Strategic Growth Initiative, which developed Benchmarks of Excellence in Ministry and provided training programs, consultation services and other resources to support thousands of local leaders in building healthier churches. Rev. Elder Eastman was also a member of MCC Los Angeles from 1986 to 2005; and in January-February 1997 led MCC LA in the Strategic Growth Initiative consultation process following which the average annual worship attendance grew from 190 in 1996 to 240 in 1997 and 280 in 1998.

You can read Reverend Elder Don Eastman's full bio at:

foundersmcc.org/about/rev-elder-don-eastman

helping those in need

Ongoing

Brown Bag Lunch

Help make hundreds of lunches that will be provided to the homeless in greater Los Angeles area. We make lunches between morning worship and distribute after the 11:00 AM service. (Ron Birchard, brownbag@mccla.org)

June 21— July 12

HopeNet Food Pantry

Every Saturday we staff a food pantry with Mt. Hollywood UCC in the Hunter Room. To volunteer on Fridays (to receive and sort the food) or on Saturdays to set up and distribute, contact Art Fisher, hopenet@mccla.org.)

Every Saturday, 8:45 AM—10:15 AM

Game Night with GLBT Seniors

Make a difference and have some fun with GLBT Seniors as we join them for Game Night at Triangle Square in downtown Hollywood (1604 Ivar Ave, revcaedmon@mccla.org)

Last Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM

Laundry Love

Quarters, soap, and a hot meal are provided for the homeless and working poor at Los Lavenderos Laundry, 4371 Melrose, Melrose & Edgemont. Garret Klindt, coordinator (revcaedmon@mccla.org)

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

Upcoming

State of the Church

Sunday, June 28 After 9 am & 11 am Services in the The Board of Directors will offer a 30 minute report on the state of the church as it pertains to finance and pastoral transition. Please attend either session after Worship Service to get the most up-to-date information on the business side of Founders MCC. **Everyone is invited to attend.**

June 28th

Cazares-Thomas Fellowship Hall

Decision Day Rally in WeHo

Co-sponsored by the LGBT Center, City of WeHo and Founders Metropolitan Community Church. Join the Rally to commemorate the Day of Decision for the federal marriage equality court case.

End of June

How do I join?

Newcomers Reception

We want you to get to know us better and find out how you can connect with one another quickly and easily. Our Newcomers' Receptions are designed for newcomers to meet the leadership and pastoral staff of the church and get your questions answered. revcaedmon@mccla.org

Quarterly, Ryland Room

Membership / Inquirers' Class

ANYONE can help in all of these opportunities that are listed here, but if you would like to attend a Membership/Inquirers' class and consider making a further commitment to this great community of faith. To register, contact revcaedmon@mccla.org

July 18 10:00AM—2:00PM, Rosa Parks Room

Sundays

Azania: People of African Descent *2nd Sunday, 1:00 PM, Ryland Room*
 Monthly gatherings of people of African descent. All people are welcome. 2nd Sunday of the month after 11:00 AM Service, Ryland Room (Tracee Porter, azania@mccla.org.)

Men's Spirituality Group *3rd Sundays, 1:00 PM, off-site location*
 The Men's Group is an opportunity for men of Founders MCC to connect spiritually as well as to socialize. So join for a time of Faith Sharing, Fellowship & Food on the 3rd Sunday: Brunch at local restaurant, 1:00 PM. (Michael Southerland at mensgroup@mccla.org)

TRANS*Formation Ministry *4th Sunday, 1:00 PM, Rosa Parks Room*
 A social, educational, and advocacy group for the Transwomen, Transmen, their partners and allies. (transministry@mccla.org)

Tuesdays

Bereavement Group *By Appointment*
 If you have experienced the death of someone close to you recently? or lost something/someone of significance that has been an ache on your heart? This group meets once a week and provides you with support during the process, as well as tools for life, while holding your loss. This is an open group, however, if you are interested in attending, please contact the office at 323-669-3434 FIRST and leave a message for Rev. Tim or email him at revtim@mccla.org

Saturdays

Women's Spirituality Group *1st Saturday*
 An opportunity for social interaction and spiritual growth of women of our congregation and community. Functions are listed in the bulletin and on our church website calendar. 1st Saturdays (Amy LaCoe, womensgroup@mccla.org)

POZ Spirit, 4th Saturdays *Noon, Hunter Room*
 A support and educational group for those living with HIV/AIDS. 4th Saturdays in Hunter Room, Noon—2:00 PM (Sammy Hancox or Michael Southerland, pozspirit@mccla.org)

On-going

Deaf Ministry
 An outreach to our deaf community, primarily through ASL signing of our 11 AM services. (deafministry@mccla.org)

Lay Pastoral Assistants
 This trained and caring group of individuals is a part of the Pastoral Care Team. They reach out to the sick, shut-in, dying and those in need, both within our congregation and beyond. (Rev. Caedmon Grace, revcaedmon@mccla.org)

Military Ministry
 A support, social and educational group of GLBTQI military personnel, veterans and their families. (military@mccla.org)

The Table Project
 This is a church-only social media platform that allows you to pray, be prayed for, discuss issues, find out what's going on with groups and more. (John Boswell & John Suarez, revcaedmon@mccla.org)

Young Professionals Group
 Social and service events for fellowship, outreach, and service to Founders MCC and the LA community for those that define themselves as "Young Professional." (Phoebe Scott-Wyard, youngpro@mccla.org)

Share your gifts

Archives *Second Friday of the month, 7:00 PM—9:00 PM, Gandhi Room*
 Help to record the history of our church in photo and printed media. (Pastor Lucia Chappelle, archives@mccla.org)

Board of Directors *Third Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM, Hunter Room*
 All are welcome to attend as the board develops and ensures implementation of the church's strategic plan, fundraising, and be stewards of the gift of the property of the church. (seniorpastor@mccla.org)

Facilities Team
 If you would like to clean, fix, or create, see our Facility's manager...there's always a job to do! (jeffery@mccla.org)

Flowers
 Celebrate the beauty of God through flowers at our weekly worship. Contact the office to volunteer or to order Flowers (admin@mccla.org)

Health & Safety Team
 This is our emergency response team for health and safety issues. Contact Jeffery Jones or Don Mueller. (jeffery@mccla.org)

Hospitality Team *Every Sunday, Hunter Room*
 We try to feed the spirit and the body on Sundays! You can donate food or help staff for this time of fun and fellowship. Let Greg Millsap or Perry Vinton know when you get your cup of coffee!

Internet Ministry
 This ministry provides information, events, worship, and more to the world. This area includes our website, web-tv, social media ministry, cyber chaplaincy and more.

Lay Delegates
 This group of folks are here to let you know about what is happening at the larger denominational level of our church as well as updates from conferences and the like. (laydelegates@mccla.org)

Music Ministry *Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary*
 Make a joyful noise! Opportunities for singing, playing instruments, solos, special music, weekly praise team, choir. (Jane Syftestad, Music Director, music@mccla.org)

Music Ministry: ICM Coro Practice *Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary*
 For more information, contact Peter Kirkpatrick at PeterKirkpatrick@mccla.org

Office Volunteer *Monday thru Friday, 10:00 AM—5:00 PM*
 Welcome our visitors, answering phones, and light receptionist work. (PJ Escobar at admin@mccla.org)

Welcome Team *Every Sunday*
 Provides our congregation and guests a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere, help you find a seat, answers questions, and more. (Every Sun, Ed Shaughnessy, Mike Cativo, welcome@mccla.org)

Worship Team
 This team is comprised of those who would like to take part in reading, communion, or special presentations. This group meets with representatives of other Worship Teams quarterly. (If you would like to participate in worship, contact Rev. Sandy Williams, revsandy@mccla.org)