

## Trans\*Unity Ministry

The Trans\*Unity Ministry (T\*U) aims to support and encourage Transgender and Gender Non-conforming individuals, their families, and supporters. Activities include participation in worship services, choir, and a list of major events in the Transgender calendar.

### Trans\*Unity Supporting National Transgender Events

1. Day of Visibility (TDOV Mar. 31st)
2. LA Trans-Pride (LGBT Center, June 15/16)
3. FMCC Student Awards service (Aug. 15)
4. LA AIDS-walk (Oct. 15)
5. Day of Remembrance (TDOR Nov. 31st)

T\*U emerged in 2010 with FMCC's formation of Student Awards in memory of congregant Christine M. Daniels (CMD). T\*U holds frequent yard sales using items donated by the congregation. Funds have been raised consistently "outside these walls" over a 14-year history. FMCC typically will award each of 3 achieving college students with \$1,000 just in time for fall semester. T\*U also supports Trans Chorus of Los Angeles (TCLA) when they perform at FMCC's services. At the time of writing, CMD designated fund currently holds \$2,485.

Starting Palm Sunday of 2023, T\*U ministry promoted short video testimonials (3-5 minutes) by international MCC leaders. These can be played during church services and emailed "outside these walls" to wherever they are needed to alleviate 'Anti-Trans' pain and suffering witnessed by church organizations and social media. A 60-minute testimonial video loop was created for display at Trans\*Pride (2023), featuring MCC Clergy, FMCC Praise Team, and TCLA music.

T\*U members have also been on call for FMCC facility renovations such as repairing sail-shades, rain damage, external vandalism, and maintaining garden frontage on Prospect Ave. T\*U work-parties also cleaned and painted Pre-school's interior mid-2023.

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