



## “*Emmanuel: Just Peace*”

Dear Saints,

12-08-2024



It was such a wonderful way to start the Advent season last Sunday - **Rashad Addy-Davis** singing a solo, a growing **Praise Team** with a special solo part by **Ava Simone**, a message from our denomination's moderator, and more - all surrounded by the beautiful Advent colors/decorations by **Larry Rodriguez, Mary-Margaret Smith, Bam and Maria Noriega**. Thanks to all of you for being such a blessing to us!

We also dedicated our Communion to **World AIDS Day**, a tradition honored all over the world that was started by the late **Rev. David Farrell**, former pastor of MCC San Diego. Isn't it exciting to know that we can still touch lives even after we have transitioned from this life? Thank you, Rev. Farrell.

Speaking of transitions, we were sorry to report the death of one of our long-time members: **Jerry Silverstein**. Jerry recently found out he had cancer, and after having Thanksgiving lunch with our folks at MCC UCC In the Valley last Thursday, he drove home, had a slight accident, and was taken to the hospital. They found he had a brain tumor and a brain bleed. He never regained consciousness. I'm so glad his last hours were spent with fellow-MCCers, eating, laughing, and having a great time. May we all be so blessed!

Our Advent theme this year is, *Emmanuel: God With Us*. Last Sunday, we talked about *A Shocking Hope*. This Sunday, we'll talk about *Just Peace*. If you'd like to read ahead, check out Psalm 23 (New King James Version). I look forward to our time together in worship once again!

Pastor Keith

**Founders MCC Core Values:** Love, Inclusion, Social Justice, Diversity, Spirituality and Acceptance

**Founders MCC Vision Statement:** We see our church as a community of faith, goodness, respect and union for all members regardless of race, color, language, immigration status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We see it as the house of Christ where our fundamental values of spirituality, love, social justice, diversity, inclusiveness and the feeling of community prevail.

**Mission of Founders MCC:** Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ here at Home, in our Community, and in our World as we are called.

**ICM Fundadora / Founders MCC Celebrates**



**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Thursday, December 12  
7:00 PM Celebration Service

Featuring  
**Mariachi Arcoiris**  
World's 1<sup>st</sup> LGBTQ+ Mariachi

Join onsite or by live broadcast on Founders MCC Facebook Page  
or on our YouTube channel - mcclatv

Day of Guadalupe, Dec 12. Mariachis, tamales, etc. All invited.



**Dec. 15th** - Our monthly Saturday Night Spiritual will be next Saturday, December 14th at 5 p.m. on Facebook Live. Come here an uplifting and inspirational message from our Interfaith Minister Rev. Sheena Metal!



**Membership Inquirer's Class - 12/15**

Interested in becoming a Member of Founders MCC? Or, want to know more about our church? Join Rev. Steve Swafford for our next Membership Inquirer's Class on Sunday, Dec. 12th after the 10:00 a.m. service. This class is both in-person and on Zoom (link below). (Note: You are not required to join the church if you attend the class, but you must attend the class before becoming a member.)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://pepperdine.zoom.us/j/85885823310>

**Meeting ID: 858 8582 3310**

**Founders Metropolitan Community Church**

**Moderator: Rev. Keith Mozingo**

**Order of Service 12-08-24**

*Welcome Video*

*Call to Worship*

*Opening Song: Emmanuel (Hutchins)*  
**FMCC Praise Team & Congregation**

*Opening Prayer*

*Welcome*

*Announcements*

*Passing of the peace*

*Reading: Psalm 23*  
**(New King James Version)**

**Arts In Worship: Do You Hear What I Hear?**  
**FMCC Praise Team & Congregation**

**Sermon Title: "Emmanuel: Just Peace"**

**Rev. Keith Mozingo**

*Sermon Response Song: In Your Presence -*  
**FMCC Praise Team**

*Offering/Making Ministry Happen:*  
**(Bob Stayton)**

*Communion*

*Song of Thanksgiving:*  
**I Worship You Almighty God**

*Closing Remarks (Keith)*

*Closing Song:*  
**It Came Upon A Midnight Clear**  
**FMCC Praise Team and Congregation**

*Benediction*

**With God All Things Are Possible**  
**(Matthew 19:26)**

<b>TOTAL ROOFING COST</b>	<b>\$146,196</b>
<b>GIVEN AS OF Dec. 1st</b>	<b>\$ 92,052</b>
<b>REMAINING NEED</b>	<b>\$ 54,144</b>

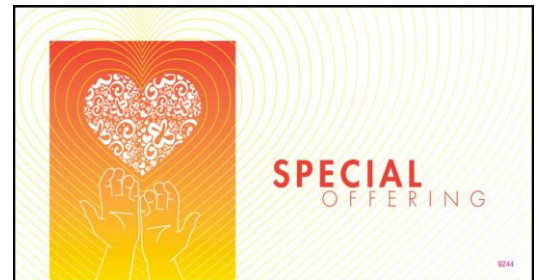


FMCC/ICMF is joining City X1 (services for LA's unhoused and at-risk youth) in providing supplies for pets of unhoused youth this holiday season. **Items needed: dog food (wet/dry), cat food (wet/dry), dog collars/harnesses/leashes, flea meds, gift cards for Petco or PetSmart, pet toys.** Items may be brought to the church to put under the Christmas Tree and will be donated during the New Year/Epiphany Season.

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR PASTORAL STAFF

Especially at Christmas, we appreciate our Pastor and Church Staff for all that they do for us throughout the year. The Board of Directors set Sunday, December 15, in both the 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. services, to receive a **Special Christmas Offering** to bless our Pastor and Church Staff with holiday love and appreciation.

Please come prepared on **Sunday, December 15** to participate in this offering as we give with generosity to those who have given so much to us. For those giving virtually or joining online, you may give through the PushPay app by texting Founders MCC to 77977 and **use the Special Offering Fund** to designate your gift. Together, let's make this a special Christmas for our Pastor and Church Staff.



MCC General Conference, 2025. Our denomination's General Conference is fast approaching. The Creating Oasis Transformational Weekend will transpire July 3-6, 2025, in Scottsdale AZ in a beautiful resort that the denomination has reserved for us. Pastor Keith would love to see a large contingent represent Founders MCC, the Mother church of our denomination. If enough of us go, maybe we can go via a large passenger van, or even a coach that we can also offer to our sister church in North Hollywood. Until the end of this month, you can take advantage of the Early Bird Discount and take \$75 off the normal registration fee of \$400! The denomination has also contracted an incredible deal for room rates with the resort--go in with another to take advantage! **MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION AND ROOM LINKS CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR E-NEWS.**



Hoodies now available for the LOW price of \$40. Proceeds will go towards the LatinX Ministry. Sign-up sheets are available. Hoodies can be purchased by cash or PushPay, using "Special Offering / Other Designated Funds"





# This Week at Founders MCC

Request Rooms at  
[foundersmcc.org/connect/calendar/](http://foundersmcc.org/connect/calendar/)  
 Call (323) 669-3434 for changes and updates

## Sunday, December 08, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room  
**10:00am Founders MCC Worship Service**  
**1:30pm Servicio de ICM Fundadora**  
 5:00pm SAA 12 Step Group – Hunter Room  
 5:00pm La Conexion/The Connection Church – Fellowship Hall  
 5:25pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) – Ryland Room  
 8:00pm Fight Club/Basic Tools Men's Group – Ryland Room

## Monday, December 09, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room  
 8:00 pm Easier Way AA Group – Gandhi Room

## Tuesday, December 10, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room  
 6:00pm Key Change Ensemble – Chapel  
 6:15pm Overeaters Anonymous – Hunter Room  
 7:30pm Secular AA/WE Agnostics – Gandhi Room

## Wednesday, December 11, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation- Gandhi Room  
**6:00pm Founders Praise Team rehearsal – Chapel**  
 6:15pm Silverlake CoDA Group – Hunter Room

Tithing amount for Week Ending 12-01-2024: \$7,109.00

Facility Rentals: \$3,714.00

Roofing Update: \$3,010.00

Special Offering/Designated Funds: \$11,298.00

Grand Total of all income received: \$22,131.00

(Additional Link Below to give to roofing challenge)

[Give to Founders MCC | ICM Fundadora \(pushpay.com\)](https://www.pushpay.com)

## Wednesday, December 11, 2024 (Continued)

7:15pm No Losers AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
 7:30pm Dark Secrets AA Newcomers Meeting – Gandhi Room  
 8:45pm Fight Club: Men's AA Stag Meeting – Gandhi Room

## Thursday, December 12, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Fellowship Hall  
 7:30pm Men's Big Book AA Meeting – Gandhi Room

## Friday, December 13, 2024

**7:30am Founders m Food Pantry Truck Delivery**

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room  
 6:30pm Secular AA Group – Gandhi Room  
 8:00pm Stories AA Group – Chapel  
 8:00pm Super Studs Group – Gandhi Room

## Saturday, December 14, 2024

**7:30am Food Pantry Distribution**

8:30am AA Men's Meditation - Gandhi Room  
 10:00am Big Book AA – Ryland Room  
 12:00pm Backyard Solutions AA – Ryland Room  
**5:00pm Saturday Night Spiritual with Rev. Sheena on FB Live**

## Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room  
**10:00am Founders MCC Worship Service**  
**1:30pm Servicio de ICM Fundadora**  
 5:00pm SAA 12 Step Group – Hunter Room  
 5:00 pm La Conexion/The Connection Church – Fellowship Hall  
 5:25pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) – Ryland Room  
 8:00pm AA Basic Tools Men's Meeting (Ryland Room)

**Note: In the calendar section of the bulletin, the events in bold and italics are Founders MCC Events. The ones not listed in bold, and italics are 12-step groups and other events.**

## Upcoming Activities

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** Dia de Guadalupe celebrated at Founders MCC/ICM Fundadora @ 7:00 p.m.

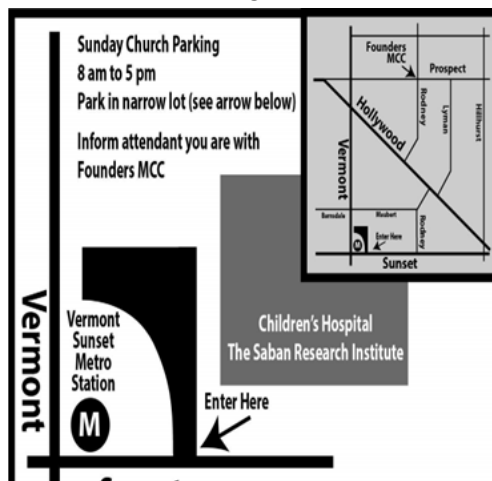
**December 14<sup>th</sup>** Saturday Night Spiritual with Rev. Sheena Metal @ 5 p.m. on FB Live

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** Special Pastoral and Staff Offering during 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Services

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** Membership Class with Rev. Steve after 10 a.m. service

Children's Hospital has so graciously volunteered up to 10 spaces for us to park. It is a small lot off Sunset Blvd., just beyond the Metro Station entrance.

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## Finding Your Way Around

