



# “Rethink Everything”

Dear Saints,

01-12-2025



What a week this has been! Whatever we had planned this week most likely got changed as the fires around Los Angeles have raged. I hope this finds you safe and sound. I know the fires have claimed a lot of territory, and I'm still trying to assess what people have lost, what people need. Please reach out to me to let me know of your loss and how the church and I can help you. (revkeith@mccla.org)

I'm so thankful that God gave me the word, "courage" for this year. We've needed it this week, haven't we? Each day, I reminded myself of the Advent theme - *Emmanuel: God With Us*. No matter what comes our way, God is sure with us. We may need courage to handle it, but we don't have to handle it alone! Thank you, Spirit!

This Sunday, we will display the Black Christ as we acknowledge the "Black Christ of Esquipulas," one of the famed black Christological images of Latin America. We celebrate with many of pilgrims who will travel to see the image and worship at the Cathedral Basilica of Esquipulas in Esquipulas, Guatemala, where the image is enshrined.

My message this week is entitled, *Rethink Everything*. Jesus came to his cousin John to be baptized, but John didn't feel worthy to do that. Jesus told him he had to rethink that! We, too, need to rethink when we don't feel worthy. If you'd like to read ahead, check out Luke 3:15-22 (Voice version). I look forward to worship with you Sunday.

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.



This has been a week that we will likely not soon forget.

Some of us have lost homes, cars, and other material things. Most of us have also lost our sense of personal security as the fires have covered so much of our beautiful city. We have had to depend on one another, perhaps in ways that we haven't before. And for some, this is just the beginning, or maybe a re-beginning.

This Sunday, we want to make a special effort to "be there" for one another. We may want to wear masks because of the air quality, but we may just need a few more hugs than usual. After our morning worship, we'll have a time of hospitality in the courtyard, and we'll invite those who can't join us in person to join us online for some "togetherness." We'll have a monitor set up so we can join our community of faith, near and far, and they can join us.

As we gather, please let us know of your needs. Some needs are immediately evident; others may arise days, weeks, even months from now. Please stay in touch with your Founders MCC community. We are here for one another. (Link below.)

Pastor Keith

[Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)



# Board Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89239510351?pwd=Sjg9PqHSIEhYvDQ31vYd6uMtAlnNt7.1>

Meeting ID: 892 3951 0351  
Passcode: 340537

## **Founders Metropolitan Community Church**

**Moderator: Rev. Keith Mozingo**

### **Order of Service 01-12-25**

*Welcome Video*

*Call to Worship*

***Opening Song: I Feel A Stirring In The Atmosphere - FMCC Praise Team and Congregation***

*Opening Prayer*

*Welcome*

*Announcements*

*Passing of the peace*

***Reading: Luke 3:15-22 (Voice Version)***

***Arts in Worship: Thank You Lord – FMCC Praise Team***

***Sermon: "Rethink Everything" Rev. Keith Mozingo***

***Sermon Response Song: It's A New Season – FMCC Praise Team***

***Offering/Making Ministry Happen: (Ed Shaughnessy)***

*Communion*

***Song of Thanksgiving: Great Is Your Mercy***

*Closing Remarks (Rev. Keith)*

***Closing Song: I Call You Faithful - FMCC Praise Team and Congregation***

*Benediction*

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

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| <b>TOTAL ROOFING COST</b>   | <b>\$146,196.00</b> |
| <b>GIVEN AS OF Jan. 5th</b> | <b>\$97,079.00</b>  |
| <b>REMAINING NEED</b>       | <b>\$49,122.00</b>  |



Pre-Inauguration Conversation - January 14, 10:15 a.m. PST

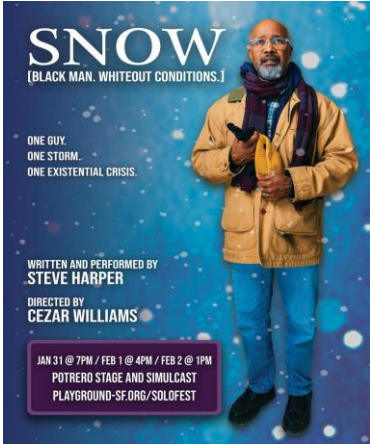
Feeling anxious, fearful, and hopeless since the election? Oppressive power seeks to render us powerless by creating confusion and isolating us from one another. Join us for a theological conversation about our current conjuncture and what might be on the horizon nationally and globally. How are you "discerning the spirits" and what does it look like for you to act faithfully with others today?

Gather onsite and online with Rev. Dr. Ry Siggelkow, director of United's Leadership Center for Social Justice, and Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis, director of our Social Transformation program, for a conversation about this fraught moment in US history and how we can move through grief and anger to affirm the exigency of justice.

Link: <https://www.unitedseminary.edu/event/social-transformation-lunch-pre-inauguration-conversation/>



Jerry Silverstein, a long-time member of Founders MCC Los Angeles, passed away on November 30th after a brief illness. A memorial will be held on January 25th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at MCC UCC in the Valley, 5730 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601.



**MLK DAY OF SERVICE** Pastor Royce V. Porter, Sr. & The California Poor People's Campaign | Los Angeles

**3RD ANNUAL MLK DAY SING-IN**

*"We Who Believe In Freedom..."*  
The Musical Legacy of SNCC Freedom Singer

**BERNICE JOHNSON REAGON**

**FREE**

Monday, January 20, 2025 - 12pm to 2pm PST

**ALL VOICES WELCOME** CRENSHAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
3740 Don Felipe Drive - Los Angeles, CA 90008

Want to help get our own Steve Harper's show up and running? Here's a link to your tax-deductible support and more information!

[SNOW: \[black man, whiteout conditions.\] - A Solo Journey of Survival and Reflection | Fundraising by Fractured Atlas](#)

# 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, January 12, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room  
**10:00am Founders MCC Worship Service**  
*11:00am Special Time of Hospitality after 10am Service*  
**1:30pm Servicio de ICMF**  
 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, January 13, 2025

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

## Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room  
**10:15am Pre-Inauguration Conversation**  
 6:00pm Key Change Ensemble – Chapel  
 6:15pm Overeaters Anonymous – Hunter Room  
 7:30pm Secular AA/WE Agnostics – Gandhi Room

## Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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 01-05-2025: \$4,942.00**

**Facility Rentals: \$4,989.00**

**Roofing Update: \$3,030.00**

**Special Offering: 851.00**

**Grand Total of all income received: \$13,830.00**

(Additional Link Below to give to roofing challenge)

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

## Wednesday, January 15, 2025 (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, January 16, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Fellowship Hall  
**6:30pm FMCC Open Board Meeting**  
 7:30pm Men's Big Book AA Meeting – Gandhi Room

## Friday, January 17, 2025

**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, January 18, 2025

**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

## Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room  
**10:00am Founders MCC Special Kwanzaa 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

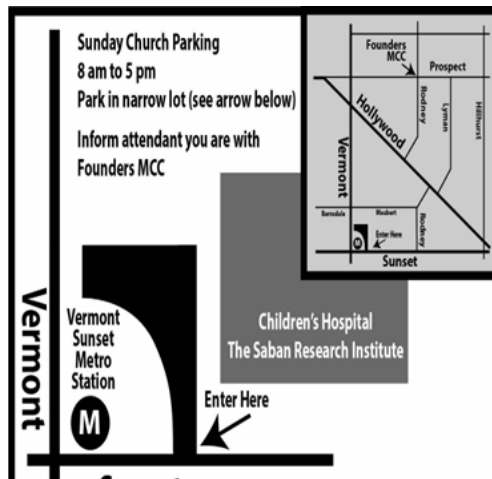
Special Time of Hospitality after the 10 a.m. service

January 14<sup>th</sup> Pre-Inauguration Conversation @ 10 a.m.

January 16<sup>th</sup> Open FMCC Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

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

