



“What's Black History Month Got To Do With It?”



Dear Saints,

02-16-2025

What a blessed service last Sunday. I so enjoyed sharing the **Blessing of Relationships** during worship - somehow, it seemed people felt it more deeply this year, perhaps because we need each other more right now than we have in a long time. I'm so thankful for all our relationships, romantic or not. FMCC is a wonderful place to share our lives, isn't it?

Thank you to all who participated in the Weddings/Relationship Blessings on Friday at Hollywood United Methodist Church. The event was sponsored by LAQuICC (Los Angeles Queer Interfaith Clergy Council) to do two things: to celebrate our love and to let the world know we are not ashamed to share that love in a public arena. Here we are - radical queers of MCC sharing radical love with the world!

Thanks to our **Student Clergy, Bam Noriega, and our Justice Pastor, Lucia Chappelle**, for representing us well at the event.

I want to thank those of you who have volunteered to create the "White Wall" during our 1:30 service each Sunday. I know it makes a difference for the Latinx Ministry to know that we are willing to be there so they can worship in peace. Thank you, again.

This Sunday, we are in for a treat: **Pastor Lucia Chappelle** will be preaching for us! The message is entitled, *What's Black History Month Got To Do With It?* We are so blessed to have so many amazing speakers at our church. I pray the same anointing I've been feeling lately will be felt once again this Sunday. Come, expecting to have church!

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.



Nonviolent Resistance and Civil Disobedience Training

Whether or not you have ever participated in resistance, the training offers a better understanding of what one seeks to accomplish and the manner in which one respectfully protests and resists.

EVERYONE is invited to this teaching moment as MCC seeks to amplify the voices of love and peace in our world even as we stand up boldly against injustice. The first part of each session will talk about the philosophy of nonviolent resistance and the second part will be some practical guidelines on conducting protests - from rallies to sit-ins.

This session is hosted by Rev. Elder Rich Hendricks, together with special guest presenters.

Schedule: February 17 at 7PM ET & 26 at 9AM ET.

[Register Now](#)



Speaking Justice: Utilizing the Power of the Press
As MCCers, how can we explore the vital role of the press in our pursuit of justice and equality?

Learn the power of effective storytelling for social change, and learn how to strategize in engaging with media effectively. Harness the power of the press to make a difference in the communities we serve.

Schedule: February 22, 10:30AM ET.

Email [jameshartman@mccchurch.net] or [revdexterbrecht@mccchurch.net] for more information.

Founders Metropolitan Community Church

Moderator: Bam Noriega

Order of Service 02-16-25

Welcome Video

Call to Worship

Opening Song: – *Lift Every Voice*
FMCC Praise Choir and Congregation

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Announcements

Passing of the peace

1st Reading: **Genesis 2:19 (Common English Bible)**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 11:32-39 (The Cotton Patch Gospel)**

Gospel Reading: **Mathew 23:27-32 (NRSV & Cotton Patch Gospel)**

Arts in Worship: **Through It All –**
FMCC Praise Choir

Sermon: **“What’s Black History Month Got To Do With It?”**

Pastor Lucia Chappelle

Sermon Response Song:

Bless The Lord –
FMCC Praise Choir

Offering/Making Ministry Happen:
(Roger Owens)

Communion

Song of Thanksgiving:
Bless The Lord

Closing Remarks (Bam)

Closing Song: **The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power-**
FMCC Praise Choir and Congregation

Benediction

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

TOTAL ROOFING COST	\$146,196
GIVEN AS OF Feb. 14th	\$101,445
REMAINING NEED	\$44,751

WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR

DO NOT OPEN DOORS
ICE CAN NOT COME IN WITHOUT A SIGNED WARRANT. TELL THEM TO PASS THE WARRANT UNDER THE DOOR BEFORE YOU OPEN.

REMAIN SILENT
ICE CAN USE ANYTHING YOU SAY AGAINST YOU IN YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE, SO CLAIM YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!

DO NOT SIGN
DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING ICE GIVES YOU WITHOUT TALKING TO AN ATTORNEY!

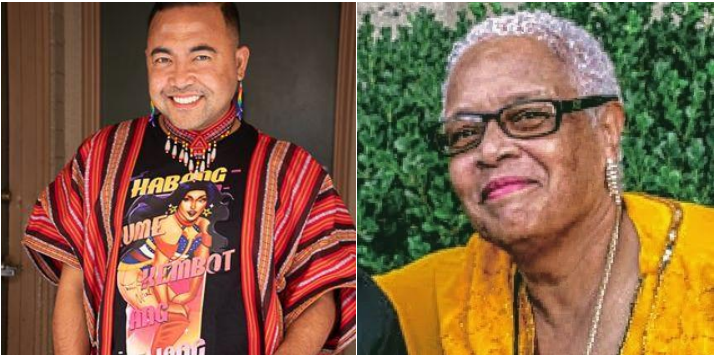
REPORT THE RAID
CALL RAPID RESPONSE HOTLINE: 1-844-724-3737
TAKE PICTURES, VIDEOS & NOTES

FIGHT BACK
GET A TRUSTWORTHY ATTORNEY & EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS TO FIGHT FOR YOUR CASE. PROTECT YOUR FAMILY & NEIGHBORS!



We need additional volunteers to help in the sound booth (see Don Mueller) and broadcast booth (see Sandra Contreras)

Our lay delegates Pamela Fairbanks and Oriel Mueller are requesting that congregants send them any questions and/or issues they would like raised as regarding the search for a new MCC denomination moderator. Please email them to laydelegates@mccia.org.



Phil was the Pastor of Spirit of Hope MCC in Kansas City, Missouri, USA, from Spring of 2018 until December 2020. Prior to this Pastoral ministry, he was a member of MCC of Topeka, where he held numerous leadership roles. Phil was a key member of the LEAD facilitators team, along with Elder Nancy Maxwell, Elder Velma Garcia and Barry Hundley, and co-led several LEAD retreats. Phil retired in August 2022 with 24 years of service to the State of Kansas, Department of Health and Environment. He served in numerous leadership roles within Bureau of Disease Prevention and Control which houses the HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Immunization Programs with his final post being the Bureau Director.

(pictured in front of Rev. Teri Trombley)

Brenda Hunt left this earth on Thursday evening for the next great spiritual adventure. Rev. Hunt was an active MCC clergyperson who, in addition to serving a number of congregations, was the District Coordinator of the Great Lakes District and a member of the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee. She was a wise, generous woman who loved to laugh, golf, and travel. She was an excellent preacher, mentor, and storyteller. Prayers for her spouse Rev. Teri Trombley (retired) and her extended family including her spiritual families.

This Week at Founders MCC

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:30am AA/Sunday Morning Tropical - Theatre
 8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room
10:00am Founders MCC Worship Service
1:30pm Servicio de ICMF
 4:45pm SAA 12 Step Group – Hunter Room
 4:30pm La Conexion/The Connection Church – Fellowship Hall
 5:25pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) – Chapel
 8:00pm Fight Club/Basic Tools Men's Group – Ryland Room

Monday, February 17, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room
 7:00 pm Easier Way AA Group – Gandhi Room
 7:15pm SPAA Group – Hunter Room
 7:45pm Monday Might Alvarado - Ryland Room

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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
 7:30pm Ragtag AA – Rosa Parks Room

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation- Gandhi Room
5:30pm Founders Praise Team rehearsal – Chapel

Tithing amount for Week Ending 02-09-2025: \$3,870.00

Christine Daniels Scholarship Fund: \$2,663.00

Building Fund: \$1,066.00

Roofing Fund: \$910.00

Grand Total of all income received: \$8,509.00

(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, February 19, 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 – Ryland Room

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Fellowship Hall
 4:00pm La Conexion Los Angeles/The Connection Los Angeles
 6:00pm ICM Voces de Alabanza Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7:30pm Men's Big Book AA Meeting – Gandhi Room

Friday, February 21, 2025

7:30am Founders m Food Pantry Truck Delivery

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

Saturday, February 22, 2025

7:30am Food Pantry Distribution

8:30am AA Men's Meditation - Gandhi Room
 10:00am Big Book AA – Ryland Room

Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room
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.

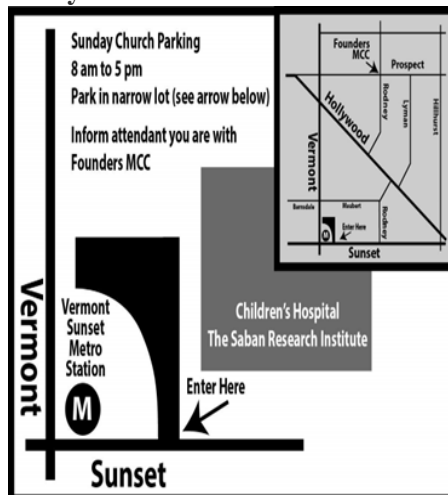
Upcoming Activities

February 17th Nonviolent Resistance and Civil Disobedience Training on Zoom @ 7 p.m.

February 22nd Speaking Justice @ 10:30 a.m.

February 27th Founders MCC Open Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

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.



Finding Your Way Around

