# "Sharing Our Stories"



Dear Saints,

05-31-2025

I am just overwhelmed at your love and generosity. As this weekend marks the end of my seventh year and the beginning of my eighth year as your pastor, I am so grateful to be able to spend my "golden years" right here with you. Serving this congregation is the highest honor I can imagine in this life, and it is my joy to serve WITH you in ministry. Thank you for giving me that opportunity. As Roger Owens reminded us when he gave me the pom-pom last Sunday, I often say that I'm happy to be your cheerleader! We're in this ministry together. Thank you for the gifts: the vacation donation, the stole, the pom-pom, the cakes, and the cards with your personal messages. What an anniversary!

I want to thank our Lay Delegates for meeting with us to share the important issues ahead of us at our General Conference Business Meeting. **Pam Fairbanks** and **Oriel Briguela Mueller** have really been on top of things, working behind the scenes to stay informed of all that needs our input. Thanks to all who are sharing their thoughts on where we want our votes to go for Moderator and Governing Board. If you missed out on their presentation, please join them on the Zoom meeting this Wednesday.

This week, we will gather our two congregations together for a multilingual Pride service on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. This Saturday, we'll hear some of "our stories," two testimonies given by the two preachers at our 1:30 p.m. service, **Raul Radilla** and **Fernando Trejo**.

On Sunday, we'll gather at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Crescent Heights and Norton Avenues to get ready to march in the **West Hollywood Pride Parade**. There is also the annual **Interfaith Service** that will start at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday (corner of Santa Monica and La Cienega), and several of our members are leading the service. If you attend the service, there will still be time to get to our group at Crescent Heights and Norton Aves. before the parade begins.

I know this is a busy season, but it is certainly one that is made FOR US! Let's be OUT and PROUD and allow the Holy Spirit to lead the way!

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.

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



# WeHo Pride Interfaith Service: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



# Founders MCC at WeHo Parade Line Up Time: 11 AM Entry

Number: 109

Hard barricades will be in place at N. Laurel Avenue

and Norton Avenue,

# Our entrance will be at:

Fountain Avenue & Crescent Heights
Boulevard

From there, continue to Norton Avenue for staging.

Staging will take place on Norton Avenue between N. Laurel Avenue and Crescent Heights Boulevard. Enter via Fountain Avenue.

## Founders Metropolitan Community Church Moderator: Student Clergy Bam Noriega

Order of Service 05-31-25

Welcome Video

Call to Worship

Opening Song: Yo Me Alegré" & "I Was Glad — ICMF Voces de Alabanza & FMCC Praise Choir

**Opening Prayer** 

Welcome

**Announcements** 

Passing of the peace

Reading: Psalm 145:3-7 (Voice Version)

CANCION DE ALABANZA / CELEBRATION SONG:

Fe/Faith -

ICMF Voces de Alabanza / FMCC Praise Choir

Sharing Our Stories/Testimonies: Raul Radilla & Fernando Trejo

Sermon Response Song:

Heme Aqui Dios / Here I Am God – ICMF Voces de Alabanza / FMCC Praise Choir

Offering/Making Ministry Happen: (Ed Shaughnessy)

Communion

Song of Thanksgiving:

Maravilloso Es / You're All I Need

Closing Remarks (Keith)

Closing Song: Para Alabar a Cristo - ICMF Voces de Alabanza & FMCC Praise Choir

Benediction





Order your Pride shirts today from Lulu Madrid for only \$25!

WE HAVE OUR HEROES AND THEY WILL NOT BE DENIED! ITENEMOS NUESTROS HÉROES Y NO LOS NEGAREMOS!



FORBIDDEN LOVE?
(THE STORY OF DAVID AND JONATHAN)

¿AMOR PROHIBIDO? (LA HISTORIA DE DAVID Y JONATÁN)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 5:00 PM SÁBADO 7 DE JUNIO A LAS 17:00 HORAS

FOUNDERS METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
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METROPOLITANA FUNDADORA
4607 PROSPECT AVE., LOS ANGELES CA 90027

Pride Ministry
Schedule:

June 1st Weho Pride march, 11 am
June 7th Saturday combined, 5 pm
June 8th LA Pride & Festival, 11 am
June 14th Trans
Pride,
LGBT Center West
Hollywood,11-6 pm
June 21st Santa
Monica Festival

Rev. Eric Buter will present a revival of his play, "Forbidden Love? The story of David and Jonathan" at our combined Saturday worship service, 5pm on June 7th.



Father's Day Tribute!

Send in a photo of a father or father figure to honor in our Father's Day Tribute Send photos to pics@mccla.org Include name of person in photo Submission deadline Monday, June 9 at 6 pm PDT

# This Week at Founders MCC

#### Sunday, June 01, 2025 - No Worship Service today/ No hay servicio de adoración hoy

8:30am AA/Sunday Morning Tropical - Theatre

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

#### 12:00pm FMCC/ICMF Marching in Weho Pride Parade

4:45pm SAA 12 Step Group – Hunter Room

5:00pm 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, June 02, 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, June 03, 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, June 04, 2025

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

5:30pm Founders Praise Team rehearsal - Chapel

Tithing amount for Week Ending 05-25-2025: \$4,260.00

Deaf Ministry Fund: \$410.00 General Conference: \$2,612.00

Grand Total of all income received: \$7.282.00 (Additional Link Below to give to roofing challenge)

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#### Request Rooms at

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

#### Wednesday, June 04, 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, June 05, 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, June 06, 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, June 07, 2025

#### 7:30am Food Pantry Distribution

8:30am AA Men's Meditation - Gandhi Room

10:00am Big Book AA – Ryland Room

5:00pm Special FMCC/ICMF Pride Bilingual Service

Sunday, June 08, 2025 - No Worship Service today/ No hay servicio de adoración hoy

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

11:00am FMCC/ICMF participating in LA Pride Festival

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**

June 1st WeHo Pride Parade (12:00

June 7th Saturday Combined Service at 5 p.m.

June 8th LA Pride & Festival at 11 a.m.

June 14th Trans Pride, LGBT Center West Hollywood, 11-6 p.m.

June 21st Santa Monica Festival

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.





