



## “Freedom, Even When Surrounded by Evil”

**Dear Saints,**

**06-22-2025**

Last week, there was a mix-up in my message to you - you received the Spanish version, rather than the English version. I want to reiterate some of the points I made, as there are people who must be recognized and important information you may have missed.

What a whirlwind of emotions we have experienced so far this month. We've had such amazing, combined worship services, with the last one having a drama presented by **Rev. Eric Buter** (who acted along with **Niki Mohr**, **Omar Oyanguren** and **Kevin Carter**). It was so powerful! Thank you to all of you involved in this presentation!

We marched in the original **LA Pride Parade** (started in 1970 by our own church's founder, **Rev. Troy Perry** and two other community leaders) and had a booth at the **LA Pride Festival**. There were 36 volunteers that marched, staffed our booth, or waited at the church (in case someone showed up for worship). Seven people even received Communion at our Pride Booth! Thank you to ALL of you!

There were thousands of us in Hollywood celebrating Pride two weeks ago, and just a couple of miles away, there were people being arrested or detained by ICE and Homeland Security. We have seen a major escalation of this, with ICE and Homeland Security even coming into churches. **We will need more volunteers in the coming weeks for the White Wall at the 1:30 p.m. service.** Guarding our church gate is an act of WORSHIP and an act of RESISTANCE to unfair treatment. I want our people of color to know that the rest of us are WITH you and will continue to SUPPORT you.

I'm so thankful for our members who are willing to go and represent those who can't go. **Pastor Lucia Chappelle** and I attended a powerful Interfaith Prayer Vigil in downtown LA where **Mayor Karen Bass** joined a host of others in prayer for our city and our country. Many of us have been out in the streets on other days, including last Saturday's **No Kings Day**.

Last weekend, we celebrated **Trans Pride**, **Juneteenth**, and **Father's Day**. On Saturday, our Trans\*Unity Ministry was out in full force! (Three folks received Communion there!) We had a special treat on Sunday, too: **Student Clergy Bam Noriega** preached for us! His message was entitled, *More Than Just The Binary*. Thanks, Bam, for a very enlightening message!

This Sunday, I will be back in the pulpit with a message entitled, *Freedom, Even When Surrounded By Evil*. If you'd like to read ahead, check out Luke 8:26-29, 37-39 (Voice Version).

God bless and stay safe!  
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.

## In Loving Memory of Lola Tereza Shahdadi

We are saddened at the passing of Lola, who was a vibrant member of our community and one of our sign-language interpreters.

A celebration of Lola's life will be held on Sunday, June 29th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 40 Palms in Reseda. All who knew and loved her are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been established to support her daughter Ella's education (Venmo: @Lynne-Witmer-2)—a lasting tribute to Lola's deep love and hopes for her daughter's future.



### **Church Outside The Walls:**

Recently an offering was raised for the Trans Community in Ukraine. We are pleased to announce that the amount raised was \$1050.00.

Picture here is the activist from Ukraine Olena Shevchenko when she visited us 2 years ago.



## **Founders Metropolitan Community Church**

**Moderator: Student Clergy, Bam Noriega**

### **Order of Service 06-22-25**

*Welcome Video*

*Call to Worship: **Sam Wilcox***

*Opening Song: Joyful People come and Worship -  
**Congregation & FMCC Praise Choir***

*Opening Prayer: **Bam Noriega***

*Welcome*

*Announcements*

*Passing of the peace*

*Reading: **Luke 8:26-29, 37-39 (Voice Version)***

*CELEBRATION SONG: **Go Tell It (Ramirez)**  
**-FMCC Praise Choir***

*Sermon: "**Freedom, Even When Surrounded by Evil**" -**Rev. Keith Mozingo***

*Sermon Response Song: **My Chains are Gone**  
**-FMCC Praise Choir***

*Offering/Making Ministry Happen: **Ina Serene***

*Communion: **Skip Chasey***

*Song of Thanksgiving: **Breathe -FMCC Praise Choir***

*Closing Remarks: **Rev. Keith Mozingo***

*Closing Song: **Church Medley – Congregation & FMCC Praise Choir***

*Benediction: **Rev. Keith Mozingo***

### NEW: ANGELS Ministry!



With the ICE, Homeland Security, and Border Patrol raids occurring so frequently here in Los Angeles, we at FMCC/ICMF realize the fear that many of our congregants have of leaving their homes. We are initializing an immediate ministry called **ANGELS**. This ministry is for those who may be fearful of going to the grocery store, the pharmacy, or the department store, and need to reach out to an ANGEL for help. It is also for people who may be willing to run these errands for those too fearful to leave home currently, to let us know you're willing to BE an ANGEL. So, if you need an ANGEL, or if you're willing to be an ANGEL, please contact us at [care@mcccla.org](mailto:care@mcccla.org) and we'll match you up if at all possible.

### Founders Pride T-shirts

There's still time to get yours! See Lulu Madrid



Rapid Response Network  
Launches Hotline to Protect  
Immigrants from ICE Raids in Los  
Angeles, 888-624-4752



As next Sunday is a 5th Sunday, our worship service will be an all-music Sunday. The focus on this Music Sunday will be Hymns!! It will be a hybrid service: the lyrics to chosen hymns will be on our monitors as usual, but for those who like reading the notes in a hymnal, and/or like holding a hymnal, we will have hymn books available. Bring your reading glasses, if necessary!!



If you have any pictures or videos of the FMCC/ICMF contingent that were taken during the recent weeks of the various Pride events, please submit them to [pics@mcccla.org](mailto:pics@mcccla.org). We would like to use them to create a celebration video that will become part of our history.



# 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, June 22, 2025 – Worship Service 10am**  
 8:30am AA/Sunday Morning Tropical - Theatre  
 8:30am 12 Step Men’s Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room  
 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 23, 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 Night Alvarado - Ryland Room

**Tuesday, June 24, 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 25, 2025**  
 8:30am 12 Step Men’s Meditation- Gandhi Room  
**5:30pm Founders Praise Team rehearsal – Chapel**

Tithing amount for Week Ending 06-22-2025: \$  
 Deaf Ministry Fund: \$  
 General Conference: \$  
 Grand Total of all income received: \$  
 (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, June 25, 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 26, 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 27, 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 28, 2025**  
**7:30am Food Pantry Distribution**  
 8:30am AA Men’s Meditation - Gandhi Room  
 10:00am Big Book AA – Ryland Room

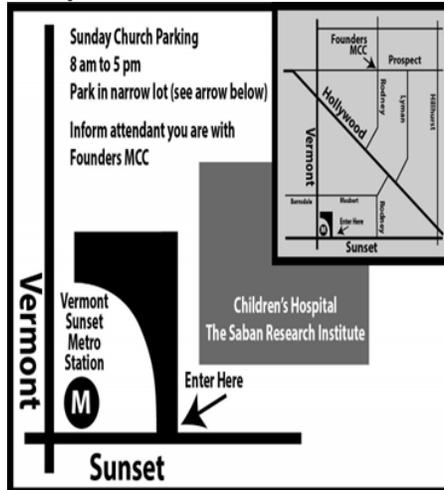
**Note: In the calendar section of the bulletin, the events in bold and italics are Founders MCC Events. The ones not listed in bold, and italics are 12-step groups and other events.**

## Upcoming Activities:

**Jun 29 -Hymnal Sunday**  
**July 3-6 - General Conference, Scottsdale AZ**

**July 6 -Rev. Eric Buter** will be preaching, and our own Peter Kirkpatrick will lead the music for both services.

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

