## "MORE THAN JUST THE BINARY"



Dear Saints,

06-15-2025

What a whirlwind of emotions we have experienced this week. We had such an amazing, combined worship service last Saturday. The drama presented by **Rev. Eric Buter** (who acted along with **Omar Oyanguren** and **Kevin Carter**) was so powerful! Thank you to all of you involved in this presentation!

Then Sunday, 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 last Sunday, 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 will be in the streets on other days, especially this Saturday for **No Kings Day**. If you plan to protest, please join us so we can walk together. There's safety in numbers.

This weekend brings lots to celebrate, as well. Saturday afternoon/evening is **Trans Pride**! Sunday, we'll celebrate **Trans Pride**, **Juneteenth**, and **Father's Day**. We have a special treat on Sunday, too: **Student Clergy Bam Noriega** will be preaching for us! His message is entitled, *More Than Just The Binary*. If you'd like to read ahead, check out Isaiah 56:1-7 (New International Version).

God bless and stay safe!

Pastor Keith

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

<u>Founders MCC Vision Statement:</u> 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.

### **UFMCC's Election Results:**

Congratulations to Rev. Elder Cecila **Eggleston** on being reelected for another 6year term as our denomination's Moderator. Congratulations to Rev. Craig Cranston, who gave us an opportunity to get to know him better and introduce us to his gifts of ministry. Congratulations to the two Lay Candidates (James Chavis and Charlotte West) and the two Clergy Candidates (Rev. Marie Alford-Harkey and Rev. Renae Phillips) who were elected to the Governing Board. All of the changes to the bylaws and the motions presented were Passed. We want to say a special thank you to our church's Lay Delegates (Pam Fairbanks and Oriel Briguela Mueller) for the time and passion they put into getting YOUR input and representing our congregations.



To all General Conference attendees: The conference is now 3 weeks away. Have you made your hotel reservations yet? Remember, you are responsible to book and pay for your hotel. The denomination has secured low, discounted prices. Feel free to share a room with another, or others.

Founders Metropolitan Community Church

Moderator: Rev. Keith Mozingo

Order of Service 6-15-25

Welcome Video

Call to Worship

Opening Song: Blessed be your name -FMCC

**Praise Choir** 

**Opening Prayer** 

Welcome

**Announcements** 

Passing of the peace

Reading: Isaiah 56:1-7

CELEBRATION SONG: Amazing Grace (My

Chains are Gone) -FMCC Praise Choir

Sermon Response Song: Thank You -FMCC

**Praise Choir** 

Offering/Making Ministry Happen:

Communion

Song of Thanksgiving: I will Change your Name

Closing Remarks (Keith)

Closing Song: Jesus I'll Never Forget (medley)

**FMCC Praise Choir** 

Benediction

#### **Founders Pride T-shirts**

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



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

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



There continues to be a need for a "White Wall" to help protect the attendees of our 1:30 Spanish-speaking service. Please see Pastor Keith.

## **Board of Directors' Meeting:**

Thursday, June 19th, 6:30. All are welcome. Zoom link:

 $\underline{https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89239510351?pwd=Sjq9PgHSlEhYvDQ31vYd6uMtAlnNt7.1}$ 

## 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**

<u>June 1<sup>st</sup></u> WeHo Pride Parade (12:00 p.m.)

<u>June 7<sup>th</sup></u> Saturday Combined Service at 5 p.m.

June 8<sup>th</sup> LA Pride & Festival at 11 a.m.

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

June 21st Santa Monica Festival

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



