



## “Reclaiming Our Place Among Our Queer Ancestors”



**Dear Saints,**

**05-17-2026**

What exciting things are happening at Founders MCC/ICM Fundadora! Last weekend, we attended the screening of the documentary, "Still Here Still Queer" at USC. The final episode, "When God Speaks," featured our church, showing clips of Rev. Troy Perry from past sermons, and many of us worshipping here at the church. Then, Sunday we honored our Mothers/Mother-figures in worship for Mother's Day. An exciting weekend, indeed!

This weekend, we are dedicating the Rainbow "**Steps To Liberation.**" There have been many people involved in the planning of this event, but the idea sprang from **Pastor Bam Noriega**, who has pushed us all to make this very public statement about WHO WE ARE as a spiritual community and a leader in social justice issues. When I shared the news of our plans to paint the steps with **Rev. Troy Perry**, he said, "It's about time we did something this bold again!" That made my heart sing!

Right in tandem with the activities around the church, we are about to finish a sermon series entitled, Road Trip To Pentecost. I want to thank **Rev. Cindy Solomon-Klebba, Larry Rodriguez, and Pastor Bam Noriega** for planning these sermon topics based on the "clobber scriptures" many of us have experienced from those who use scripture as a weapon to exclude LGBTQ folks from Christianity. Last Sunday, we finished up with the "clobber scriptures," and this Sunday, we will finish the sermon series with a more positive message from the same Bible. The message this week is entitled, Reclaiming Our Place Among Our Queer Ancestors. If you'd like to read ahead, check out I Samuel 18:1, II Samuel 1:26, Ruth 1:16-17, and Matthew 8:5-10,13 (New King James Version).

Let's keep this excitement building as we continue to bring our message to the world loud and clear!

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.

Dear Founders Church Family & Community,

The Board of Directors and Rev. Troy Perry are collaborating in the promotion of the Flag50 initiative to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the Pride Flag in 1978. The painting of our church steps in the Pride Flag colors will honor our church as the **birthplace of the MCC movement and recognize our central historical and spiritual role** that is part of our heritage as God's children.

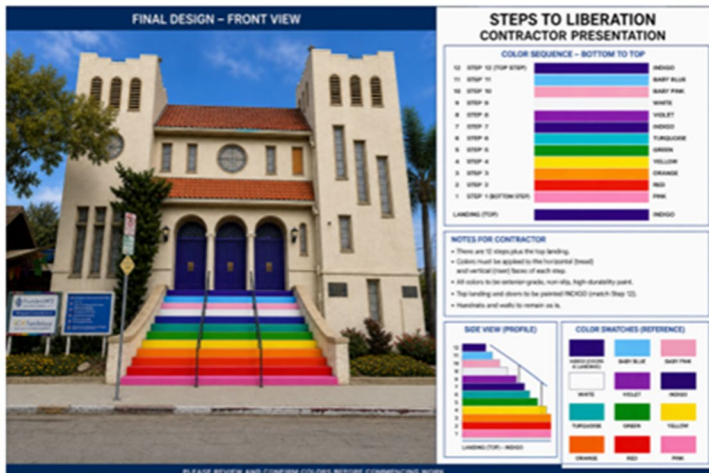
The Board of Directors invites the members and friends of Founders MCC to donate to this effort through your special gifts to pay the **estimated costs (\$6,718) for the church.**

**Thank you for your total giving to date: \$1,636.** We are still in need of **\$5,082.**

**Please designate your gifts in PushPay using the "Special Offering" option.** Together we can make a difference in our world and our community.

**Thank you for joining this CHURCH OUTSIDE THE WALLS effort,**

The Board of Directors



Location: Front Staircase + Entry Doors  
Total Steps: 12 steps + top landing

## Pride Ministry Schedule

June 7<sup>th</sup> Weho Pride March, 11 am

June 13<sup>th</sup> Santa Monica Festival

June 14<sup>th</sup> LA Pride March & Festival 11 am

June 20<sup>th</sup> Trans Pride, LGBT Center

West Hollywood, 11-6 pm

Float decorators, game show hosts, and booth staff volunteers are needed

## Founders Metropolitan Community Church

**Moderator: Bam Noriega, Assistant Pastor**

### Order of Service 05-17-2026

Welcome Video

Call to Worship: **Shawn Eisner**

Opening Song: **"Dance Like David Danced"**

**-FMCC Praise Choir & Congregation**

Opening Prayer: **Bam Noriega, Assistant Pastor**

Welcome

Announcements: **Bam Noriega, Assistant Pastor**

Passing of the Peace

Reading: **I Samuel 18:1, II Samuel 1:26, Ruth 1:16-17, and Matthew 8:5-10,13 (New King James Version).** -Skip Chasey

Arts In Worship: **"Creador Nuestro Medley"**

**-FMCC Praise Choir**

Sermon: **Reclaiming Our Place Among Our Queer Ancestors** -Rev. Keith Mozingo

Response Song: **"Faithful"**

**-FMCC Praise Choir**

Offering/Making Ministry Happen: **Bob**

Communion: **Rev. Eric Buter**

Song of Thanksgiving:

**-FMCC Praise Choir & Congregation**

Closing Remarks: **Rev. Keith Mozingo**

Closing Song:

**-FMCC Praise Choir & Congregation**

Sending Forth: **Rev. Keith Mozingo**

# Welcome Home TO OUR NEW GUESTS

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU SPENT  
YOUR SUNDAY WITH US!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY, CLASSES,  
MINISTRIES, AND EVENTS.



YOUR PRIVACY IS SACRED—WE WILL  
ONLY FOLLOW UP IF YOU ASK US TO!

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Founders MCC  ICM Fundadora

Weekly  
**BEYOND SUNDAY  
AT FMCC**

QUEER CHRISTIAN FAITH  
**PODCAST**

— Listen Everywhere. —

**Road Trip To Pentecost**

Take the experience deeper  
Join the Study Group on Zoom  
(no previous experience with Bible required)

Tuesdays via Zoom, starting April 14, 7-8:30 pm PT  
Meeting ID: 846 9463 1434 Passcode: 828780

## FMCC'S QUEER ACADEMY **CRITICAL CHRISTIANITY CLASS SCHEDULE**

🕒 When? Mondays at 7:00pm

**Class #3: It's Complicated:  
2,000 Years of  
Christian Drama  
May 18th**

First class is virtual: Register at [bit.ly/fmcclibraryopen](https://bit.ly/fmcclibraryopen)

### THIRD SPACE COMMUNITY COFFEE

A Sanctuary for Queer Co-Working

FREE WIFI • \$2 BOTTOMLESS COFFEE • GET STUFF DONE!

**FOUNDERS MCC**  
1407 PROSPECT AVE., LOS FELIZ  
Mon & Wed • 11am-3pm

## FOUNDERS QUEER ACADEMY

**CLASES DE INGLES**  
3:30 PM

**NEXT ONE: May 31**

**ANGELS MINISTRY:** Add your name to those who have already signed up willing to be an ANGEL and help get this ministry up and running. Send an email to [care@mccla.org](mailto:care@mccla.org). If you are needing an ANGEL, please send a request to [care@mccla.org](mailto:care@mccla.org). You will be responded to with discretion



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

### WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR

- DO NOT OPEN DOORS**  
ICE CANNOT COME IN WITHOUT A SIGNED WARRANT. TELL THEM TO LEAVE THE WARRANT UNDER THE DOOR BEFORE YOU OPEN.
- REMAIN SILENT**  
ICE CAN USE ANYTHING YOU SAY AGAINST YOU IN YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE. TO CLARIFY 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 888-624-4752  
TEXT PICTURES, WORDS & NOTES.
- FIGHT BACK**  
GET A TRUSTWORTHY ATTORNEY & EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS TO FIGHT FOR YOUR CASE. PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS & BELONGINGS.

## This Week at Founders MCC

### Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:30am AA/Sunday Morning Tropical -Theater  
 8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting -Gandhi Rm  
**10:00am Founders MCC Praise Service-Sanctuary**  
**1:30pm Servicio de Adoracion- Sanctuary**  
 4:45pm SAA 12 Step Group –Hunter Rm  
 5:25pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) –Chapel  
 8:00pm Fight Club/Basic Tools Men's Group –Ryland Rm

### Monday, May 18, 2026

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting – Gandhi Rm  
 6:00pm Silver Lake Chorus Rehearsal -Chapel  
 7:00 pm Easier Way AA Group – Gandhi Rm  
 7:30pm SPAA Group -Hunter Rm  
 7:45pm Monday Night Alvarado AA -Ryland Rm

### Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting –Gandhi Rm  
 6:15pm Overeaters Anonymous – Hunter Rm  
 7:00pm Sisters of Perpetual Help -Chapel  
 7:30pm Secular AA/WE Agnostics –Gandhi Rm  
 7:30pm RagTag AA – Rosa Parks Rm

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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

**Tithing amount for Week Ending 05-13-2026: \$4,252.00**

**Special offering: \$1,326.00**

**Facility rental: \$1,081.00**

**General: \$3,033.00**

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

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

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026 (Continued)

7:15pm No Losers AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
 7:30pm Dark Secrets AA Newcomers Meeting –Gandhi Rm  
 8:45pm Fight Club: Men's AA Stag Meeting –Ryland Rm

### Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting –Fellowship Hall  
 7:00pm Thursday Night NA -Ryland Rm

### Friday, May 22, 2026

#### **7:30am Founders Food Pantry -Truck Delivery**

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

### Saturday, May 23, 2026

#### **6:30am HopeNet Prep Time -Hunter Rm**

#### **7:30am HopeNet Food Pantry Distribution**

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

**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:

**May 17-** Steps of Liberation Installment Service at Noon

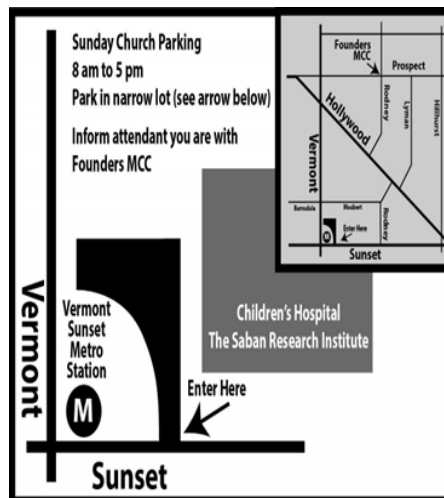
**May 18-** Critical Christianity Class @ 7pm

**May 31-** English Classes @ 3:30 pm

**June 5-** Pride Night @ Dodger Stadium

**June 6 -** West Hollywood Pride

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

