



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

February 5, 2012

+ **Prelude / Preludio**

Gospel Ensemble

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

**Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Michael Diaz

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Welcome Song / Canción de Bienvenida**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bears the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz**

Rev. Michael Diaz

+ **Welcome Song Reprise / Canción de Bienvenida**

**Call to Experience / Llamada de Adoración**

Vickey Gibbs

ONE: I am Ashanti, Zulu, Yoruba, Nubian, Masai. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am King, Queen, Candace, Pharaoh, President. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am Healer, Priestess, Shaman, Pastor, Physician. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am Free, Captured, Enslaved, Transported, Transplanted. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am Slave, Beaten, Raped, Run away, Survivor. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am Baptist, AME (African Methodist Episcopal), Catholic, COGIC  
(Church of God in Christ), MCC. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am Wilberforce University, Spelman College, Morehouse College,  
Texas Southern University, Howard University. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am African chant, Slave song, Spiritual, Jazz, Rap. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., The Little Rock Nine,  
Bayard Rustin, Barack Obama. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am Mother, Brother, Cousin, Lover, Friend. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am Family, Village, Community, Nation, Race. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

ONE: I am all this and much more. **ALL: I SEE YOU.**

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

This hymn is known as the African American National Anthem. It places emphasis on the history of people of African descent, inclusive of their many triumphs and struggles.

This great song is known across the world, but the history behind the song's creation and first performance is often unknown.

Publicly performed first as a poem as part of a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 by 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida.

Principal James Weldon Johnson wrote the words to introduce its honored guest, Booker T. Washington. The poem was later set to music by Mr. Johnson's brother, John, in 1905.

Singing this song quickly became a way for African Americans to demonstrate their patriotism and hope for the future.

## We Gather

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend -- the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship, and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

## Epiphany

Discovering that which has not yet been revealed.

## David Kato

David Kato was a prominent Ugandan gay rights activist who was brutally murdered in his home on January 26, 2011. "David did not become a hero because he died as an advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people; he was a hero because he lived for equality, despite death threats and despite all apparent odds." - Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Moderator of MCC

## + Praise & Worship

### *That's Why We Praise Him*

He came to live, live a perfect life  
He came to be the loving word our light  
He came to die so we'd be reconciled  
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might

*And that's why we praise Him,  
That's why we sing  
That's why we offer Him our ev-ery--thing  
That's why we bow down and worship this King  
Cause He gave His everything  
Cause He gave His everything*

He came to live, live again in us  
He came to be our conquering King and friend  
He came to heal and show lost ones His love  
He came to go prepare a place for us

*(Chorus)*

Halle Hallelujah  
Halle Hallelujah

## Baptism / Bautismo

Arianna Fe Vasquez Rodriguez (11 am)

## Community Prayer / Oración Comunal

Rev. Janice Ladd

ONE: O God, we light this candle today in memory of our brother, David Kato. You know, O God, he was faithful to your vision of a world at peace with its own diversity. You know, too, the price he paid for that faithfulness. Help us, who are now charged with carrying on that vision, to have the courage of conviction and stamina and grace it takes to live each and every day in a way that brings a little more justice, a little more kindness, a little more acceptance to this earth and its peoples. Help us now, as we pray, to rededicate ourselves to that singular call.

**ALL: We promise to strive to act justly with every word we speak, every thought we think, and every deed we do.**

ONE: For the sake of our oppressors and those who harm us,

**ALL: We promise to strive to love tenderly and set a Christ-like example for all to follow.**

ONE: For all our sakes, and for the coming of peace to this earth.

**ALL: We promise to seek to walk humbly with you, O God, all the days of our lives.**

ONE: May God bless us to be faithful to the longings of our hearts this day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by an unclean spirit.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Michael Diaz

*What Would Jesus Really Do?  
Difference or Sameness*

**Sermon Response / Respuesta de Sermón**

Gospel Ensemble

*God is Great*  
by Ricky Dillard

**We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda**

Gemma Burns

*Black History Month*

**Offertory / Ofertorio**

Gospel Ensemble

*Halleluya, Pelo Tsa Rona*

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela. Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.  
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela. Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.  
Hallelujah, we sing Your praises, All our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah, we sing Your praises, All our hearts are filled with gladness.

Ke Morena Jeso, ya re dumeletseng, ya re dumeletseng, Ho tsamaisa evangedi.  
O na na le bo mang? Le barutuwa ba hae, O na na le bo mang? Le barutuwa ba hae.  
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela. Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.

**Communion / Comunión**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini  
Marcial Renteria

**Ancient Word**

Though Israelites and Canaanites later became known as mythological archenemies, most archaeologists and scholars believe that they began as related peoples before the thirteenth century BCE (Before the Common Era). Egyptian records indicate ancient Israel and the people of Canaan had a similar language and religion and would have been almost indistinguishable from one another.

(Lawrence M. Wills, *Not God's People: Insiders and Outsiders in the Biblical World*, 2008)

**We Receive**

All congregations in MCC practice an open communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or any church to come to the table and receive communion. During Communion you will be offered bread and cup with a brief blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may partcipate. Gluten-free wafers are available from the communion server on the far right. Simply say, "Gluten free."

Todas las congregaciones de ICM (Iglesias de las Comunidades Metropolitana) practican una comunión abierta. Creemos en el amor de Dios incondicional para todas las personas.

Si deseas tomar la comunión en español, por favor dirígete hacia al ministro de comunión localizado hacia la izquierda y pídele, "En español, por favor."

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

### We Sing

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time. God, open us to your living presence through your life at this table. Receive the living sacrifice of our awakened life.

### Prayer

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary.

### Embody

We want to encourage you to engage your spiritual life beyond worship on Sunday.

### *Come Just As You Are*

Come just as you are, Hear the spirit call  
Come just as you are, Come and see  
Come receive, come and live forever.  
Life everlasting and strength for today  
Taste the living water and never thirst again.

### *Here I Am to Worship*

Love of the World you stepped down into chaos  
Open my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you  
Hope of a life spent with you

*Here I am to worship, Here I am to love you  
Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely, All together worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

God of all days oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to the Earth you created  
All for love's sake became poor

*(Chorus)*

I'll never know how much it cost, To see Jesus upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost, To see Jesus upon that cross

*(Chorus 2x)*

### *I Stand in Awe*

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words.  
Too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.  
Who can grasp your infinite wisdom? Who can fathom the depth of your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description majesty enthroned above.

*And I stand, I stand in awe of you. I stand, I stand in awe of you.  
Holy God to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of you.*

*(Chorus)*

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Michael Diaz

**Postlude / Postludió**

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# Welcome!

If you are attending Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

**Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.**

## Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

## A Special Welcome to First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged one month through three years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4 - 17 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at Noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

## About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

The **MISSION** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **VISION** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. We embrace four core values:

## Core Values

### Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

### Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

### Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

### Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with to those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Children & Youth Worship** | Sunday, 11 am  
**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

### Resurrection MCC

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As I come to the end of my Consulting Pastor work with you, I want to remind you of the blessing we recited together when we began this journey six months ago: "God who began a good work in you, will be faithful to complete it." (Phil 1:6) We listened to the story of Caleb who faced a defining moment in his life as he, along with other leaders within

the community of Israel, were sent to the land that God had promised them. Their task was to report the condition of the land. The report came back that the land was even better than they could have ever imagined, but so were the challenges to claiming the land as their own. During my time with you, I have been honored to model the role of Senior Pastor and join my voice with Caleb who cried out "We can do it!"

I believe the work that you called me to lead has calmed the waters of uncertainty and moved you into a place of hope. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to join you on this trapeze of "in between time" and "hang in space" with you. Over the last six months we have sat together to listen for lessons to be learned, we have lifted our hearts and voices in powerful worship, we have searched our spiritual location so we can engage in our spiritual life with renewed focus, and we have taken the initial steps to discern God's vision for this great community called Resurrection MCC.

Emotions in times like these ranges from terror, silence, anticipation, wonder, flight, freedom, fear and hope in this moment before the next new thing that God has for us swings into position for us to grab hold. With your Pastoral Search Committee in place, and your Board and Staff prepared to lead, I believe I can grab hold of the bar in front of me with great confidence. Due to the very recent reductions to the denomination's staff, it is time for me to return my full attention to our shared ministry of MCC as you continue your "in between time" with a renewed sense of purpose and calling.

I hope to see you on February 12, when I return with my colleague and friend, Rev. Elder Ken Martin, who will preach a good word about sexual salvation. Together, we join you in the bold mission...

**to transform hearts, lives, and history.**  
**We join you in the movement that faithfully proclaims**  
**God's inclusive love for all people and proudly bears witness**  
**to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.**

It has been a wonderfully rewarding time for me to do this work and I appreciate the confidence and trust that you have placed in me. This is a great church with a great call to do great things. I will always be grateful to have been a part of it.

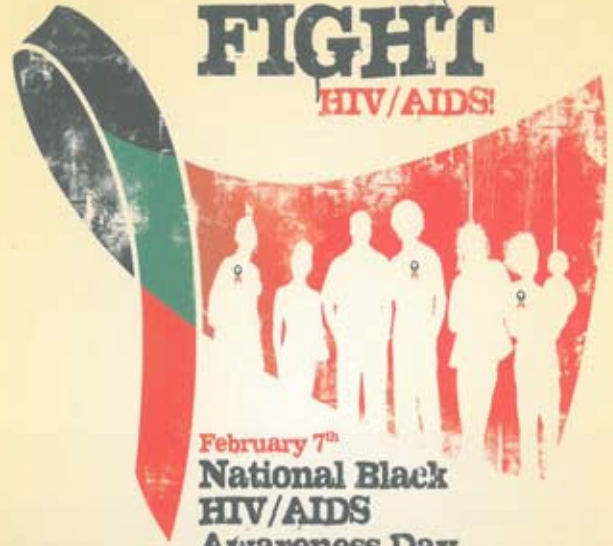
Faithfully,

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

Get Educated! Get Tested! Get Involved! Get Treated!

I Am My  
 Brother/Sister's  
 Keeper

**FIGHT**  
 HIV/AIDS!



February 7<sup>th</sup>  
**National Black**  
**HIV/AIDS**  
**Awareness Day**

[www.NationalBlackAIDSday.org](http://www.NationalBlackAIDSday.org)

# FREE HIV TESTING

**Tuesday, February 7, 9 am - 6:30 pm**

Legacy Community Health Services  
 1415 California St, Houston 77006  
[www.legacycommunityhealth.org](http://www.legacycommunityhealth.org)  
 713-830-3000

African Americans face the most severe burden of HIV of all racial/ethnic groups in the United States. Despite representing only 14% of the U.S. population in 2009, African Americans accounted for 44% of all new HIV infections in that year. Compared with members of other races and ethnicities, African Americans account for a higher proportion of HIV infections at all stages of disease-from new infections to deaths.

Nearly 25,000 infections are estimated to occur each year in African American youth. More than one-third (38 percent) are among young people ages 13 to 29.

New infections among young African American males ages 13 to 29 is seven times as high as that of young Caucasian males and three times as high as that of young Hispanic males.

Young African American gay/bisexual men are especially hard-hit, comprising more than three-quarters of new infections among young African American men and accounting for more infections than any other racial/ethnic group of men who have sex with men.

Approximately 1 in 5 adults and adolescents in the U.S. living with HIV are unaware of their HIV status. This translates to approximately 116,750 persons in the African American community. Late diagnosis of HIV infection is common, which creates missed opportunities to obtain early medical care and prevent transmission to others. The sooner an individual is diagnosed and linked to appropriate care, the better the outcome.

# WHAT WOULD JESUS REALLY DO?

**FEBRUARY 12** - SEXUAL SALVATION  
**FEBRUARY 19** - GIVING OR TAKING

## REVISION 2012 WAY-MAKINGS: LENT REFLECTION GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS  
**FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 28**  
7 - 8:30 PM, ACTIVITIES BUILDING



You took the congregational survey or maybe you didn't. You've been coming to Resurrection MCC forever or maybe you're just an occasional visitor. You're involved in a large number of church activities or maybe you just come on Sundays. Whatever your Spiritual Location, don't miss out on the upcoming Way-Making: Lent Reflection series on Wednesdays, February 29 - March 28, 7 - 8:30 pm in the Activities Building.

During these sessions we will explore the results of the survey, explore our perceptions of our church and community, identify our congregational strengths and areas of growth and explore God's unique calling for our congregation. Together we will discover where we are and what God is calling us to do and be as a church body.

Don't let your voice be left out. Mark your calendar and be a part of keeping Resurrection MCC the life changing force that it has always been. Join us for one, some, or all of the sessions as we explore our future together.



## NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



## TODAY GATHERING PLACE

Are you new to Resurrection MCC? If you have begun attending within the past few months, or have returned after hiatus, welcome home! You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the 11 am Worship service with refreshments provided. You'll have the opportunity to meet new folks and some of the ministry leaders and clergy, learn more about Resurrection MCC, and ask any questions you might have.

[RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## THE NEW OLD SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY  
**FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, 27**  
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

The name says it all! You, plus the Bible, minus the dogma, equals more excitement with The Word than you ever thought possible! Whether you have never cracked open the Good Book, or if you have whole sections memorized (including the old Sunday school "Books of the Bible" song!), you are welcome to join us for some spirited Bible study! Bring your Bible or borrow one of ours, and join us for one, some, or every study!

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# SEXUAL SALVATION

WEDNESDAYS

## FEBRUARY 8 & 15

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Most of Christianity has taught that our sexuality is counter to our spirituality – and not just for LGBTQ people, but for everyone! Yet despite what we have been taught, we know something very different in the truth of our lives: both our sexuality and our spirituality have the capacity to lead us into healing relationship with God, self and others in ways which are life-affirming and love-bearing. Reflecting upon our faith with this in mind, we will consider what a theology of “sexual salvation,” a sexuality-affirming faith, could look like. We will specifically explore: queer Christian sexual ethics; inclusivity, sexual diversity, and the faith community; and sex-positive Christian discipleship. Prior attendance at an “LGBTQ and Free” class or another form of Bible and Homosexuality discussion is strongly encouraged. A basic understanding of those issues will be assumed and not specifically addressed.

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**TEXAS' BIG GAY**  
WEDDING CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 12**  
**2 pm**

Join dozens of couples for an unforgettable interfaith wedding ceremony. You are invited to exchange or renew vows.

Participation is free. Please register at [www.FamilyMarriageEquality.org](http://www.FamilyMarriageEquality.org)

Proudly hosted in partnership with the Foundation for Family and Marriage Equality



# LOVE MAKES A FAMILY: PICTURE DAY

SUNDAY

## FEBRUARY 12

Noon - 1 pm, Activities Building

We love our families! Snuggle up with your loved ones for a special Valentine's Day Family Portrait, and make a one-of-a-kind frame together as your photo is printed! Join us for sweet treats, arts and crafts frame-making, and smile for the camera as our Nursery and Youth Ministry Programs host this wonderful time of letting our “love makes a family” shine!

Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org

**Freedom to Marry Week**

Icons: Facebook, Heart, Twitter

## Valentine's Day Marriage License Protest & March to City Hall

Tuesday  
**February 14**

11:30 am, County Clerk's Office, 201 Caroline St

Join us outside the County Clerk's office with signs supporting marriage equality. Around Noon, several same-sex couples will go upstairs and attempt to obtain marriage license applications. After being denied, we'll walk about a mile through downtown with our signs. We'll end at City Hall, 900 Bagby St, with a brief demonstration.  
[www.FamilyMarriageEquality.org](http://www.FamilyMarriageEquality.org)



## MARDI GRAS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

SATURDAY

# FEBRUARY 18

6 - 8 pm, Activities Building

Save the date! It's Mardi Gras Time! Before Lent comes around, join us for a Volunteer Appreciation Party for all the volunteers at Resurrection MCC. Let's celebrate God, the great ministry that we do together, and give thanks for one another. Enjoy a fun evening of awards, appreciation, and great food, all in your honor!

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



## ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAYS  
**FEBRUARY 22**

7 - 8 pm, SANCTUARY

*From dust we have been formed; to dust we shall return . . .*

As we acknowledge the impermanence of our bodies, we claim the eternal Light within each of us. Join us as we enter into the season of Lent, reaching toward the Holy and releasing all that would deny the Light within.

A ritual imposition of ashes will be included in this time of worship for those who choose to receive them.



## CHURCH SIZE THEORY:

### WHAT'S SIZE GOT TO DO WITH IT ?

Featuring Rev. Elder Ken Martin

SATURDAY

# FEBRUARY 25

10 am - 4 pm, Activities Building

This is a must for all church leaders and will be enlightening for everyone who is involved in the life of the church! We know that churches often get stuck at certain predictable plateaus and that the only way for them to move forward is by making specific changes which affect the role of the Pastor, the necessity for multiple Staffing, the way the Board of Directors functions, the way Programming is done, the style and content of Worship, and what Facilities are needed. These six aspects of congregational life MUST be in alignment in order for healthy and sustainable growth to occur both numerically and spiritually. Join us for this important and engaging 1-day workshop as we get together, get informed, and get growing!

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# THE GOSPEL MASS

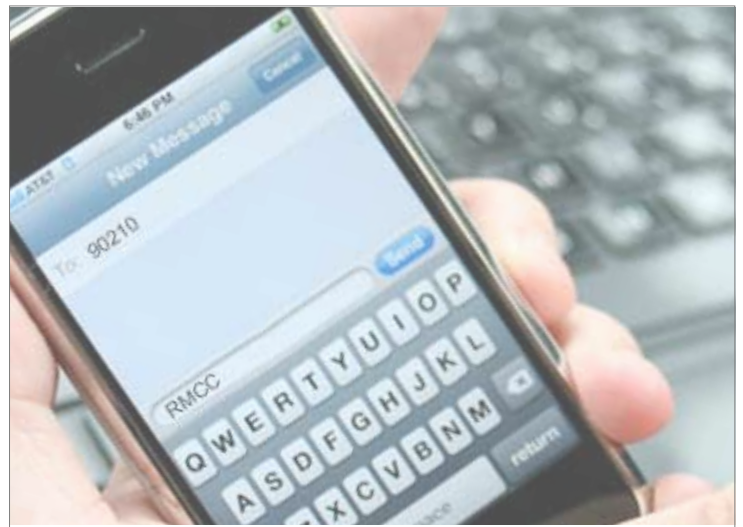
FEBRUARY 26  
4 PM | SANCTUARY

The Gospel Mass is Dr. Robert Ray's interpretation of combining centuries old traditions of the Mass infused with sounds of the contemporary Black Church.

Resurrection  
Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am  
nursery available | handicap accessible  
11 am - children & youth program spanish & deaf interpretation  
2025 W. 11th @ TC Jester, Houston 77008  
713.861.9149 | www.ResurrectionMCC.org

**¡DOMINGOS!**  
**SERVICIO RELIGIOSO**  
**SE INTERPRETA**  
**EN ESPAÑOL**  
**A LAS 11 AM.**

Sunday Worship  
 now interpreted into  
 Spanish at 11 am.



Use your cellphone to send a text to  
**90210** with **RMCC**

as the message to be signed up for our text alerts.

We'll text you no more than once a week to provide information on opportunities to embody the love of God in the world and to engage you on your journey of spiritual development.

**YOGA**  
**CONNECTIONS**

**Every Tuesday**  
**7 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building**

Please bring a mat and towel.  
 Everyone is welcome to join us  
 for these free sessions.

RSVP at [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) or for  
 more info email [Yoga@Resurrectionmcc.org](mailto:Yoga@Resurrectionmcc.org)

## FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:  
 713-861-9149 x103

### Nonperishables Needed:

Canned Meats, Vegetables,  
 Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta,  
 Rice, Beans



Please place donations in the  
 shopping cart located in the Welcome Area.

### Board Member on Duty

Elisa Vega-Burns and Mary Wagner  
 Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

### Flowers in the Sanctuary

Always!!!

## Financial Report

For YTD Ended January 29, 2011

| Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving | Week Ended  | YTD Total            | YTD Average Attendance | YTD Average Per Person |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Amount Needed                       | \$22,148.08 | \$99,666.35          | 605                    | \$36.66                |
| Amount Received                     | \$10,765.48 | \$61,464.81          | 439                    | \$28.00                |
| Budget Variance                     |             | <u>(\$38,201.54)</u> |                        |                        |



## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please visit the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) Web page for new or updated information. Simply go to [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org) and click on the Pastoral Search Committee Logo or on the "Committee Updates" link. This Web page is the Committee's primary source of communication and will be updated throughout our process. We ask that you keep the PSC in your prayers. Specific questions about the process may be emailed to [PSC@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:PSC@ResurrectionMCC.org).

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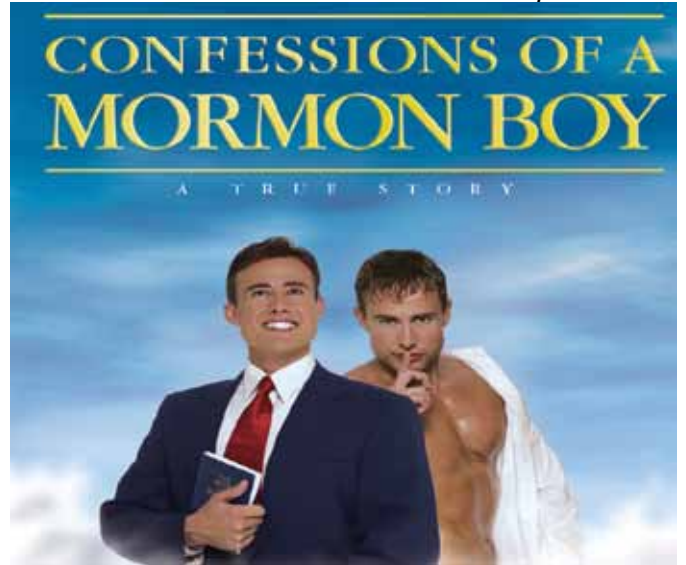
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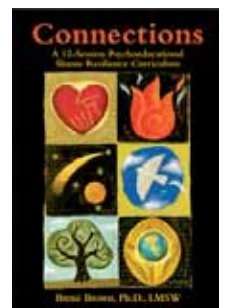


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# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

| <b>SUNDAY</b>       |                                 | <b>FEBRUARY 5</b>           |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9:00 am             | <b>Sunday Worship</b>           | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| 10:15 am            | Fisher's Net - Prayer Time      | <i>Chapel</i>               |
| 10:30 am            | Children's Choir Rehearsal      | <i>Activities Building</i>  |
| 10:45 am            | Youth Ministries Program        | <i>Activities Building</i>  |
| 11:00 am            | <b>Sunday Worship</b>           | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| 12:30 pm            | Newcomers Welcome Reception     | <i>Gathering Place</i>      |
| 1:30 pm             | HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| <b>MONDAY</b>       |                                 | <b>FEBRUARY 6</b>           |
| 7:00 pm             | The New Old School Bible Study  | <i>Gathering Place</i>      |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>      |                                 | <b>FEBRUARY 7</b>           |
| 6:00 pm             | Praise & Worship Rehearsal      | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| 6:00 pm             | Music Ministry Meeting          | <i>Music Room</i>           |
| 7:00 pm             | Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal       | <i>Music Room</i>           |
| 7:00 pm             | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal       | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| 7:00 pm             | Yoga Connections                | <i>Activities Building</i>  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>    |                                 | <b>FEBRUARY 8</b>           |
| 7:00 pm             | The Chalice: Sexual Salvation   | <i>Gathering Place</i>      |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>     |                                 | <b>FEBRUARY 9</b>           |
| 8:00 am             | Nonprofit Consulting            | <i>Gathering Place</i>      |
| 6:00 pm             | Praise & Worship Rehearsal      | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>       |                                 | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>        |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>       |                                 | <b>FEBRUARY 10</b>          |
| 7:00 pm             | Friday Night OUT North          | <i>Saltgrass Steakhouse</i> |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>     |                                 | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>        |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>     |                                 | <b>FEBRUARY 11</b>          |
| No Events Scheduled |                                 |                             |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>       |                                 | <b>FEBRUARY 12</b>          |
| 9:00 am             | <b>Sunday Worship</b>           | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| 10:15 am            | Fisher's Net - Prayer Time      | <i>Chapel</i>               |
| 10:30 am            | Children's Choir Rehearsal      | <i>Activities Building</i>  |
| 10:45 am            | Youth Ministries Program        | <i>Activities Building</i>  |
| 11:00 am            | <b>Sunday Worship</b>           | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| 12:00 pm            | Love Makes a Family Picture Day | <i>Activities Building</i>  |
| 1:30 pm             | HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal | <i>Music Room</i>           |
| 2:00 pm             | Texas' Big Gay Wedding          | <i>Sanctuary</i>            |