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Metropolitan Community Church

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10 Commandments: Co-Creating a New Life

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Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Opening Song / Apertura Canción**

Wonderful Words Of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

Christ, the blessèd One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

(Chorus)

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.

(Chorus)

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Enter the Story

The Story of God's relationship with the peoples of God is a story which has the power to change our lives! As we experience a truly Living Word in the stories of the Bible texts, both ancient and ever-new, we discover our enduring connection with the Creator of the universe and the many peoples of faith who have gone before us.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Ella Baker

(1903-1986), the granddaughter of a slave, was a behind-the-scenes activist in the fight for civil rights. Beginning as an organizer on staff at the NAACP, Baker was one of the visionaries who helped create the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957 and even recruited Martin Luther King, Jr. into the organization. She also helped civil rights activists and students found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960. Her tireless activism for human rights continued throughout her life. While a part of the SCLC, she helped apply an activist version of the Ten Commandments.

Enter the Story

Joseph Guerrero

Listen ...

The Israelites had survived many things in their freedom-journey: Escape from Pharaoh's army, hunger in the wilderness that stretched before them; Thirst in the desert that caused their hearts to doubt their God. But step by step, day by day, God made their way of freedom. The Israelites set up camp at the base of Mount Sinai. Moses climbed the mountain so he could meet with God. God spoke with him saying, "Tell my people this: 'You saw how I carried you on eagles wings and rescued you from Egypt. Now, if you obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured people, A community of priests, set apart to represent me.'" When Moses came down he told the people what God said. They all agreed, "We will do everything God asks us to do ..." Then God told Moses, "Gather the Israelites at the base of the mountain so I can speak to them!" As the people gathered, God warned: "Do not climb the mountain or even touch the edge, or you will surely die!" And then a powerful storm rolled in, and dark clouds covered the mountain. God spoke to the people from a blazing fire on the mountain top, commanding them: "I am your God who rescued you from slavery in Egypt. Put me above everything else. Do not worship other things. Do not misuse or disrespect my name. Remember to set aside a day each week to rest and worship me. Honor your parents. Don't murder or steal or lie. Be faithful to your husband or wife. Don't lust after what others have – be satisfied with what I give you." As God spoke, the people trembled with fear and backed away from the mountain! Moses told them, "Do not be afraid. God is showing you God's awesome power! Let your awe at this draw you near to God!" Sometime later, Moses went up on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights.

There God gave Moses two stone tablets upon which were written the details of the covenant, inscribed by God's own hand! While Moses was away on the mountain, the people went to his brother Aaron and said, "We don't know what happened to Moses. Make us a god that we can see who will lead us!" So Aaron created an idol in the shape of a golden calf and put it on the altar for them to worship, saying "Here is the god that saved you from Egypt!" The people celebrated with abandon as they worshipped the golden calf. When God saw how the Israelites were acting, God said to Moses, "I have seen enough stubbornness and rebellion from these people! I will destroy them with fire and create a new nation of your children!" But Moses begged God not to kill them, and God withdrew the threat and allowed them to live. This is where we enter the story ...

Reflective Moment

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Sharri McGlaughting

Exodus 32:1-14

Moses was an extremely long time in returning from the mountain, and when the people saw this, they turned to Aaron and said, "Come and make a god for us, someone who will lead us. We don't know what has happened to Moses, who brought us up from the land of Egypt." Aaron replied, "Remove the gold earrings you are wearing – wives and husbands, sons and daughters alike – and bring them all to me." All the people brought their gold earrings to Aaron. Aaron took the gold, melted it down and cast it in a mold, and made it into a calf, a young bull. Then the people said, "Israel, here is your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before the idol, proclaiming, "Tomorrow we will have a feast in honor of the Most High, Our God!" In the morning the people rose early, sacrificing burnt offerings and bringing communion offerings, and then they sat down to eat and drink, and lost themselves in debauchery. Our God said to Moses, "Go down, now! These people whom you led out of Egypt have corrupted themselves! In such a short time, they have turned from the way that I have given them, and made themselves a molten calf. Then they worshiped it and sacrificed to it saying, 'Israel, here is your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!' Our God then said to Moses, "I look at these people – how stubborn they are! Now leave me to myself so that my anger may pour out on them, and destroy them! But you – I'll make into a great nation!" Then Moses soothed the face of the Most High, his God. "But why, my God, should you let your wrath pour out on these people whom you delivered from Egypt with great might, with a strong hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'Their God intended to destroy

them all along, to kill them in the mountains, to erase them from the earth?' Turn your back on your rage; reconsider the disaster you intended for your people. Do not forget Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, and Leah and Rachael and Jacob, your chosen ones, to whom you promised, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; I will give to you all this land which I have promised – I will give it to your descendants, and they will enjoy its inheritance forever.' So God relented, and the disaster that threatened the Israelites was put off.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Live A Life Of Praise

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y, All Thy works shall
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 praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 11
 mer - ci - ful and might - y, God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

"Are We There Yet?" Exercises in Trust, Part 2

Moment of Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Cassandra White

Offertory / Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

Break Forth Into Song

by Allen Pote

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

Captivate My Heart

Captivate my heart, make it all Your own.
 Melt away my ev'ry longing, 'til I'm Yours alone,
 Breathe upon me, Lord; make my spirit new.
 Let me know Your holy presence as I worship You.

*Holy, holy, hallelujah, we will sing. I worship You.
 Holy, holy, hallelujah, we will sing. I worship You.*

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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

By Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

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Communion

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

Comunion

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunion", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza." Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos ...

Eat This Bread

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Me and you will not thirst.*

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When I Think About The Lord

When I think about You, Lord,
How You saved me, how You raised me,
How You filled me with the Holy Ghost
How you healed me to the uttermost.
When I think about You, Lord,
How You picked me up and turned me around,
How You placed my feet on solid ground!

*Makes me wanna shout hallelujah,
Thank You Jesus, Lord you're worthy
Of all the glory and all the honor and all the praise!
Makes me wanna shout hallelujah,
Thank You Jesus, Lord you're worthy
Of all the glory and all the honor and all the praise!*

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Breathe

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread.

Your very word spoken to me.
And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.
I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you,

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Postlude / Postludió

Praise Band

Friend Of God

by Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton

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.

Special Congregational Meeting & Election

TODAY

Following 11 am Worship | Sanctuary
All members are asked to attend and cast a vote in the Senior Pastor Election.

Executive Team

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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 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

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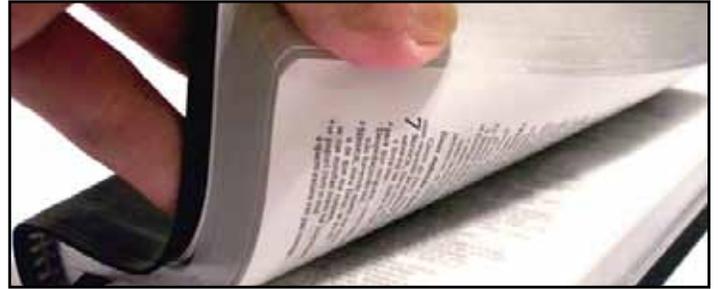


THURSDAYS
FEBRUARY
 7 - 8 pm, Activities Building

Love your body! Move your body! Zumba in the new year! Join us Thursdays evenings throughout February for an introduction to this salsa-inspired fitness dance. Have fun, move your body, and get fit!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
Zumba@ResurrectionMCC.org

ENTER THE STORY: BIBLE STUDY



MONDAYS
JANUARY 7- FEBRUARY 11
 7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Beginning with the Spirit which hovered over the water and drew day from night, Creation from chaos, and the first Human from the dust of the earth, God's Story is a living story! Throughout 2013 we will experience Scripture anew as we engage God's Story through the unique bible study process of "storying": entering the Scripture with experiential reading and interactive reflection designed to bring God's Story to life in our lives! All are welcome for one, some, or all of these small group studies!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
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YOGA CONNECTIONS

TUESDAYS

7 - 8 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**

THE PROSPEROUS HEART: Creating a Life of "Enough"



NO CLASS
 2/13 - ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAYS
JANUARY 9 - APRIL 3
 7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Author Julia Cameron, creator of the popular Artist's Way process, guides us in this incredible 12-week series for freeing ourselves of limiting ideas, negative patterns, and habitual fears which keep us from experiencing clarity and freedom in our financial lives. Recognizing that prosperity is a spiritual condition rooted in faith in God's care and provision, The Prosperous Heart deepens our awareness of blessing and cultivates our ability to live prosperously no matter our financial situation.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
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ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 13
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.



Couplehood: A New Way to Love!

6-Week Series: Thursdays, 7 - 9 pm
February 14, 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21
Gathering Place

Create the Relationship You Envision! You and your partner are invited to experience the transformative power of the celebrated Imago process for renewing, deepening and strengthening your relationship with one another throughout the season of Lent at Resurrection MCC! Resurrection Community Partners Peggy Halyard, BBA, MA, LPC and husband Douglas Wilson will be offering this 6-week series for couples based on the pioneering work of Harville Hendrix, author of *Getting the Love You Want, A Guide for Couples*.

Couplehood seminars are deeply spiritual experiences for couples, both within their partnership as well as within the group of couples that assembles for these sessions. Participants will be encouraged to see their relationship within the context of their larger spiritual lives and longings.

Cost for full 12-hour series is \$200.00/couple and includes all materials and couple-specific guidance from Imago professionals. \$75.00 required to reserve space, \$125 balance due by first class. Space is limited to 15 registered couples.

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Freedom to Marry Week



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

Thursday
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

TEXAS' BIG GAY

WEDDING CELEBRATION & DEMONSTRATION



Sunday | February 17 | 3:00 pm

Join dozens of couples for an unforgettable interfaith wedding ceremony. You are invited to exchange vows, renew your vows and demonstrate marriage equality.

Participation is free. Please register at
www.FamilyMarriageEquality.org
A reception will follow.



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SEVEN THOUSAND WAYS TO LISTEN: CONVERSATION GROUPS

WEEKLY THROUGH THE SEASON OF LENT
FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 30

Throughout Lent, our church will be engaging in a sermon series based on Mark Nepo's book, "Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred." The book is an exploration of self and our relationship to others and the world around us. It unpacks the many ways we are called to redefine ourselves and to name what is meaningful as we move through the changes that come from experience and aging and the challenge of surviving loss. As part of the series, we will have a small group component -- "Conversation Groups." These groups meet weekly (for approximately six weeks) in volunteer homes to share a meal, fellowship, and conversation about selections from the book. Days and times to be decided by each group. Register online at www.bit.ly/rmcc-7000

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FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



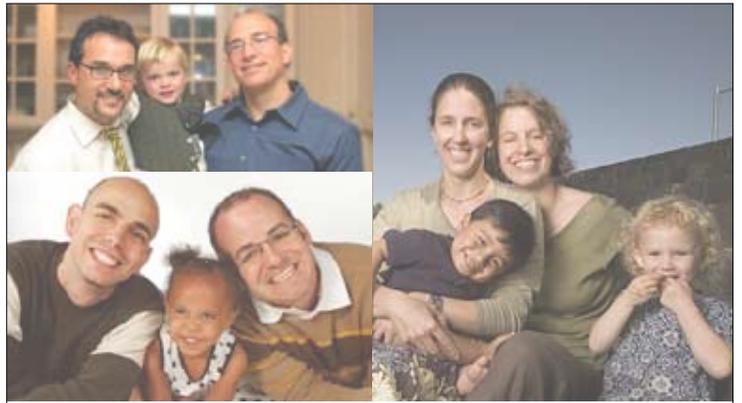
FRIDAY, 7 pm
FEBRUARY 15

Olive Garden
1310 West Bay Area Boulevard
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(281) 488-1022
www.olivegarden.com

Join our NEWEST social dinner gathering for our friends South of Houston!

These monthly dinner gatherings are a great way to reconnect with those you may already know and is an opportunity to meet new folks and friends.

To ensure seating is available for all, please RSVP to [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events)
FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org



WE ARE FAMILY! PHOTO DAY SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 17**

12 pm - 1 pm, Activities Building

We love our families! Serious, silly or sweet, smile for the camera with your loved ones for a special We Are Family Portrait, and share indoor picnic treats together as your photo is printed! Join us for photos and a whole lot of lovin' fun as our Youth Ministry Program hosts this wonderful time of letting our love shine!

Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org



GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH

SUNDAY, 1 - 3 pm
FEBRUARY 17

El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant in Montrose
2320 Crocker St, Houston, TX

Our Generation Faith Teens will "Buy Your Own Brunch" together after church every third Sunday. Our Teen Ministry Facilitators will drive the 13-17 year-olds to and from a nearby restaurant as we share a monthly social brunch with Generation Faith. All Teens are welcome and families may attend (at nearby tables). Signed release forms required.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
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AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CONCERT

"Let The Church Say Amen"

Presented by The Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 22

7 - 9 pm, SANCTUARY

The Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble, under the direction of Ms. Cassandra White, invites you to come and experience God's Anointed Word Through Song. Special guests will include Pastah Freedom Gulley and the Echos of Praise from Progressive Open Door Christian Center and Spoken Word artist Tye West. Come expecting a Blessing! Child care is provided.

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IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY

MARCH 2

2 - 4 pm

Music Room

"Imani" means Faith in Swahili, and "Vida" means Life in Spanish. Join us as we explore life and faith through drumming! If you like to drum or have an interest in drumming, join us as we make music through all sorts of percussion instruments: hand drums, shakers, rain sticks and even the sound of foot stomping music. Drummers of all skill levels are welcome. No prior drumming experience is required to participate in our circle. We only ask that you bring your desire to be a part of our community drum circle. We meet every first Saturday of the month in the Gathering Place, as well as other locations for other special drumming occasions.

www.meetup.com/drummingcircle
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Midsummer Night Tragedy

FUNDRAISER

MYSTERY...MAKE-UP...AND MAYHEM!

FRIDAY

MARCH 1

7 - 10 pm, Activities Building

Join the Drag Kings and Queens of Resurrection MCC for a fun-filled evening highlighted by a fabulous drag pageant and talent show. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Pageant contestants may sign-up after Worship today in the Gathering Place (deadline is Sunday, February 17). There are only 10 slots available for performers to sign up today! Proceeds support sending our Young Adults to the 2013 MCC General Conference in Chicago.

Tickets Available in Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore
\$25 - Dinner & Non-Alcoholic Beverages
\$35 - Dinner, Beer & Wine



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY

MARCH 9

9 am - Noon, Resurrection MCC Campus

Join us in service as we beautify and clean our church home! Activities include both indoor and outdoor projects, carried out in an atmosphere of great fellowship and fun. Lunch will be served, so be sure to let us know if you plan to bless us with your presence as we "clean house with Jesus"!

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Our Senior Pastor Candidate's Journey



Though born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rev. Troy considers himself a native Texan. He grew up in and around Houston, ultimately settling in Sharpstown when his mother remarried blending a new family. Today he is still the oldest and only boy with three younger sisters and multiple nieces and nephews.

The whole family was very active at Gethsemane United Methodist Church (UMC) in Sharpstown. All the siblings sang in choir, rang bells, attended Sunday School classes and youth group, and took turns as camp and youth counselors. During his senior year in High School, he experienced two things—the call to serve as a pastor and awareness that he was gay. God does have a sense of humor even if a teenager doesn't get it.

Rev. Troy graduated from the University of Houston first with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance immediately followed with a Master of Education in Occupational Education. He taught and then became Director of Education at Bradford School of Business. The HIV/AIDS pandemic took root and the call to ministry returned. Troy went to seminary at Houston Graduate School of Theology with a specialization in Pastoral Counseling and dual credentials as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

As he became an LPC, he also completed his Master of Divinity and was ordained by the Orthodox Catholic Church in 1991, and appointed to serve at Bering Memorial UMC in Montrose. Troy grew the Bering Support Network from one half-time staff to three full-time therapists, a part-time chaplain, multiple interns, and dozens of trained peer facilitators serving thousands of individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS for over a decade. His time at Bering Memorial UMC also included counseling, chaplaincy, teaching, leading retreats, preaching, mission trips, and leadership development.

After 13 years on the pastoral staff of Bering, Rev. Troy transitioned to Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) as their Executive Director, relocating to Chicago, Illinois. During his nine years as Executive Director, RMN's budget grew from \$275,000 to \$1,200,000 and from a staff of four to a staff comprised of seven full-time, five contractors, and multiple interns. Rev. Troy travelled coast-to-coast

preaching, teaching, organizing, and building. Most recently, he spearheaded the Love Your Neighbor coalition which strives to remove the wedge between communities of color and LGBTQ allies as well as launching international work.

RMN is now a respected leader in the ecumenical faith movement for moral equality for LGBTQ people impacting the U.S., the Philippines, and Africa. Rev. Troy has served on the Religious Leaders Roundtable for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, consulted with the Human Rights Foundation, been a member of the Bishops and Elders Council, and served on advisory councils for the Institute of Welcoming Resources and the Global Justice Institute.

Following a month of spiritual renewal, the longing to return to local ministry grew even stronger and Rev. Troy mapped out a process to close his tenure with RMN. With 22 years of ministry experience and consulting with hundreds of congregations, he wanted to plant roots again in a vibrant congregation that would utilize his unique set of pastoral gifts. Having known Resurrection MCC for over 25 years, Rev. Troy was delighted to be invited to candidate for the Senior Pastor position at Resurrection MCC. Those years of walking with one another meeting challenges -- HIV/AIDS ministry, interfaith/ecumenical responses to local violence (Paul Broussard) and international crisis (September 11) -- forged a faith connection beyond words.

Personally, Rev. Troy says the connections go farther. He remembers worshipping at the Decatur Street church as Rev. John Gill preached and American Sign Language interpreters tag teamed one another to keep up; enjoying Rev. Carolyn Mobley's voice and guitar so many times; celebrating Rev. Dwayne Johnson's arrival and move to the new Sanctuary on 11th Street; finding chairs for Sunday worship in the Activities Building following the flood; and even overcoming a bomb threat to share vows and rings with Walter on Freedom to Marry Day in that same Activities Building in 2002.

Rev. Troy's specific call to Resurrection MCC grew in conversation with the Pastoral Search Committee sharing the hopes and visions and good planning of the congregation and in the PSC's deliberate questions and exploration of what the best match looked like for Resurrection MCC. Rev. Troy shared that his discernment strengthened through personal prayer accompanied by Resurrection MCC's excellent weekly sermons (via podcast) and hearing the congregation's laughter. The meeting between Rev. Troy and the PSC in Houston only made clearer by proximity what was already evident in our hearts. Both were ready to say, "yes."

The Pastoral Search Committee is excited and blessed to present Rev. Troy Plummer Treash as the Candidate for Resurrection MCC Senior Pastor. It is clear to each and every member of the committee that this is the Candidate that God is calling to Resurrection MCC. At every interaction, Rev. Troy exceeds our expectations, and demonstrates his heart and passion for ministry. We are elated and in awe of God's unfolding plan.



LGBT WEALTH MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

MONDAY
MARCH 4
7 pm, Gathering Place

Join us as we discuss wealth management specifically for the LGBT community. Amy Rowe, Financial Advisor, and Geoffrey Sansom, Attorney at Law, will share strategies for financial planning, tax planning, estate planning, retirement planning, as well as gifting and philanthropy. Don't miss this opportunity to discover what you can do from an LGBT perspective to manage and protect your family's wealth! Space is limited.

RSVP on Facebook or LGBTwealth@ResurrectionMCC.org

RESURRECTION



Houston, TX

If you are interested in joining Resurrection Riders as they plan this year's calendar of rides, please email Resurrection_Riders@yahoo.com

Resurrection Riders is open to anyone of any riding level. We are also interested in outreach to our community, so please pass our info on to folks outside our walls. Rides include MD Anderson Cancer, trips to Galveston, Ren. Fest, Austin, and Wine Country tours, as well as short, local gatherings. If you are still working on a license, we're happy to talk and encourage you as well. Non-Rider slots are available on some rides. Seat availability varies so please contact us.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x112.

Board Member on Duty

Eddie Domingue and Mary Wagner

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended February 3, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$19,445.09	\$64,186.64
Total Amount Anticipated	\$20,769.23	\$93,461.56
Total Giving Variance		(\$29,274.92)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$12,837.33	
Cash Flow Need	19,865.38	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$20,769.23	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	675	511
Programming	152	138
Total Weekly Attendance	827	649

Cash Flow Need

is the minimum amount needed each week to fund our basic ministry obligations: staff, property, operations and debt (i.e., the minimum amount needed to keep the doors open each Sunday)

Ministry Plan Need

is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2013 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY		FEBRUARY 10
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Speaking of Faith: Young Adults	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Special Congregational Meeting & Election	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
MONDAY		FEBRUARY 11
6:30 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: Getting in the Sandbox	Chapel
7:00 pm	Enter the Story: Bible Study	Gathering Place
TUESDAY		FEBRUARY 12
4:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building
WEDNESDAY		FEBRUARY 13
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 104: Beyond the Showcase	Chapel
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
THURSDAY		FEBRUARY 14
11:30 am	Valentine's Day March & Protest for Marriage Equal	
7:00 pm	Couplehood: A New Way to Love	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Zumba	Activities Building
8:00 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Men	Gathering Place
FRIDAY		OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 15
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT South	Olive Garden
SATURDAY		OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 16
9:30 am	Soul Care for Servant Ministry	Chapel
SUNDAY		FEBRUARY 17
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Love Makes a Family: Picture Day	Activities Building
12:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Meeting	Work Room
1:00 pm	Generation Faith/Teens: Buy Your Own Brunch	Music Room
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
3:00 pm	Texas Big Gay Wedding Celebration	Music Room
4:00 pm	Texas Big Gay Wedding Reception	Gathering Place

Opportunities to Meet Rev. Troy Plummer Treash Senior Pastor Candidate

Sunday Worship TODAY

9 & 11 am | Sanctuary

Rev. Troy delivers the Message during Sunday Worship.

Special Congregational Meeting & Election TODAY

Following 11 am Worship | Sanctuary

All members are asked to attend and cast a vote in the Senior Pastor Election.

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