



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

October 20, 2013

+ **Opening Song/Canción de Entrada**

*You Reign with Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God , Who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom,power and love, Our God is an awesome God.  
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With wisdom,power and love, Our God is an awesome God.

You're marvelous and you're glorious., You're love has made me victorious.  
You took away the fear in us., Now we praise You cause You,  
You delivered us.

There ain't no stopping us, naw! Devil there ain't no blocking us, naw!  
Come on and clap your hands with us.

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You reign! You reign! You reign! You reign!  
You reign! You reign! You reign!

(Instrumental Break)

You reign! You reign! You reign! You reign!  
You reign! You reign! You reign!

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Mark Eggleston

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

## 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.

## Creating a Life of "Enough"

What would it be like to experience God's provision for our lives so deeply, so truly, that the persistent anxieties of our hearts and our bank balances would be healed and released into God's care and protection? This season we will ask God to lead us from the fear of scarcity into the clarity and comfort of a spiritual "bottom line": with faith in our God, one day at a time, we can create a life that is more than "enough!" Come Sundays for the sermon series, Monday evenings for the class, or follow along at home - books available in Inspirations! Join us as together with God we create a life of "enough!"

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

+ **The Gathering Song/ Canción de Bienvenida**

*You Are Mine*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, Stand up, now, walk, and live

Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine

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**Contemporary Reading/ Lectura Contemporánea**

Vickey Gibbs

*The Prosperous Heart*

The prosperous heart enjoys the luxury of time. There is enough time it affirms. There is always time enough. Each moment comes as quickly as it should—or as slowly. Life attains a sense of spaciousness. There is calm in its unfolding. AS we relax into God's timing, we find ourselves carried along as if on a wave in the ocean. Life unfolds without our hurried effort. We are accustomed to pushing forward; now we're being asked to relax. (The Prosperous Heart p 144)

**Reflective Song**

Sabrina Allen

*What Love Is This*

by Lincoln Brewster, Mia Fieldes, and Kari Jobe

+ **Scripture Lessons / Escritura Lección**

Lilly Chu

*Luke 18:1-8*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to God day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Messiah-Human One comes, will faith be found on earth?'

**Anthem**

Gospel Ensemble

*Stand*

Words and Music by John P. Kee

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Troy Treash

*Enough Time*

Silent Reflection

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Our Ministry Together:  
Blessing our "Porch" Teams**

Rev. Troy Treash

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

*Bless The Lord With Me*  
Words and Music by Bishop T.D. Jakes

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz  
Rev. Pat Farnan

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

*As The Deer*

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength my shield.  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship Thee.*

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*Amazing Grace*

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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

...

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy realm to come,  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

*(Interlude)*

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.

*(Interlude)*

And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil:  
For Thine's the dominion,  
and the power, and the glory,  
Forever. Amen.

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

Rev. Pat Farnan

### **+ Closing Hymn/Canto Final**

#### *It Is Well With My Soul*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*(Chorus)*

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### **+ Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Troy Treash

### **+ Postlude / Postludio**

Joel Hammett

## **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.

## 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.

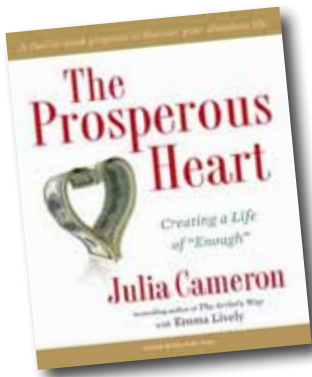
**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Children & Youth Worship** | Sunday, 11 am  
**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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# The Prosperous Heart

## Creating a Life of "Enough"

MONDAYS  
**SEPTEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 9**  
 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 & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-PH2013](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-PH2013)  
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# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

## TODAY

Immediately Following our 11 am Worship

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY

## NOVEMBER 3

Immediately Following our 11 am Worship

It is important that Church Members attend this meeting so we achieve quorum and may conduct the business of the church. We will be voting on the 2014 budget, as well as Board of Director and Lay Delegate candidates.

*Informational Packets will be available beginning Sunday, October 14.*



# LIVING SPIRIT

WEDNESDAYS  
**OCTOBER 23 & 30**  
 7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Refresh your soul with an evening spent nourishing your relationship with God! Each week we will share a time of devotional centering, followed by the introduction of a simple contemplative practice. These gentle spiritual practices are deeply refreshing and easily accessible, from beginners to frequent practitioners! Simple, clear instruction will open into practice and then time for reflection and sharing. Give yourself a mid-week soul-renewal with spiritually enlivening practices and join us!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-LS2013](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-LS2013)  
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# HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

## TODAY

Gathering Place  
 after both services

Free rapid HIV testing (results in 15 minutes), as well as standard testing for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis (results in 2 weeks). Knowing your HIV and STD status is the best way for you to stay healthy and avoid spreading sexually transmitted illnesses. Get tested and take control.

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



**SPIRITS & SPIRITUALITY  
NO RULES. NO RELIGION.**

THURSDAY  
**OCTOBER 24**  
7:30 - 9 pm

**Porch Swing Pub**  
69 Heights Blvd, Houston, 77007  
www.porchswingpub.com

Join other MCCers for a casual evening filled with spiritual conversation and fun fellowship. This is an opportunity to explore the spiritual and non-religious aspects of relationships and life challenges in a casual environment.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131024](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131024)  
Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org



**CRITICAL MASS  
BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 25**  
6:45 pm - 9:30 pm  
Market Square Park, 301 Milam, Houston

*Calling all Bicyclists!*

Join fellow Resurrection MCC bikers for a Critical Mass Bike Ride - a casual mass bike ride around the city, intended to raise awareness and advocate a bicycle-friendly urban environment. All bikes and skill-levels are welcomed. The ride will last around 2 hours - about 20 miles. Meet at 6:45pm on the corner nearest Congress Ave and Travis St. in Downtown Houston. Look for the GOT LOVE? Resurrection MCC Shirts!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131025](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131025)  
FAQs - [www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq](http://www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq)  
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**EDUCATION  
TOWN HALL**  
with HISD District VII  
Trustee Candidates



THURSDAY  
**OCTOBER 24**  
6 - 7pm • Gathering Place

Resurrection MCC is proud to host an evening of questions and discussion with HISD school board trustee candidates for District VII. HISD parents, students, employees and other interested community members are invited to attend a free, non-partisan town hall to learn more about the state of education in Houston area schools and current issues in education policy that are pivotal to student success.

*This event in no way constitutes an endorsement of any HISD school board candidate by Resurrection MCC.*

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131024b](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131024b)



**THE MOVEMENT  
TOWARDS  
GLOBAL JUSTICE:  
LGBTQ VOICES**

SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 26**  
5 pm - 7 pm • Gathering Place

Join MCC Moderator, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, and a panel of activists as they discuss the struggle towards justice and equality for LGBTQ folks and people who live with HIV/AIDS.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131026b](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131026b)



# SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 26**

10 am - 5 pm • Gathering Place

This one-day Spiritual Leadership Retreat is open to all who currently serve - or hope to serve soon! - at Resurrection MCC in any capacity. We are excited to offer a new set of sessions this year, including an offering facilitated by the Moderator of our denomination, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson! This day-long intensive aims to foster servant-ministry that is grounded both in personal spiritual practice and in dynamic awareness of our gospel call to change the world! RSVP limit 40 registrants.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131026](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131026)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



# IMAGO DIALOGUE DATES: COUPLES CONNECTION

SATURDAY  
**NOVEMBER 2**

10 am - Noon • Gathering Place

This Fall, treat your relationship to an IMAGO Dialogue Date each month and experience the joy of reconnection! The IMAGO Dialogue Process is a simple, powerful, and deeply fulfilling method for speaking and listening together about what matters most. In each session, Harville Hendrix's IMAGO Dialogue Process will be briefly introduced and then couples will Dialogue with each other, sharing and listening deeply - reconnecting. We will conclude with a time of sharing and reflecting in community.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-ID2013](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-ID2013)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL

FRIDAY • 7 pm  
**NOVEMBER 1**

**Baba Yega**  
2607 Grant St., Houston, Texas 77006  
713-522-0042  
[www.BabaYega.com](http://www.BabaYega.com)

Join us for another Friday evening filled with food, fun and friends. To help ensure that we have adequate seating, we ask that you please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending. As always, friends and family (including children) are welcome!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131101](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131101)  
FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org



# YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

ALL AGES WELCOME

SATURDAY  
**NOVEMBER 2**  
Noon - 1:30 pm

**Shade Heights**  
250 West 19th St. • Houston, TX 77008  
713-863 7500 • [www.shadeheights.com](http://www.shadeheights.com)

The Young Adults of Resurrection MCC invite those of all ages to join them for a fun brunch and an opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with those you may already know.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131102](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131102)  
YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org





# IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**NOVEMBER 2**  
2 - 4 pm • Activities Building

“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.

Details & RSVP: [www.meetup.com/drummingcircle](http://www.meetup.com/drummingcircle)  
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# DARING GREATLY

WEDNESDAYS  
**NOVEMBER 6 & 13**  
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Daring Greatly is an invitation to risk the kind of vulnerability that is not only at the core of such feelings as fear and disappointment, but is also the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, empathy, and creativity. Renowned Houston therapist, TEDX presenter and author Brene Brown suggests Daring Greatly is both a practice and a powerful new vision for letting ourselves be seen. Finding the courage to be vulnerable is the challenge of a lifetime: choosing to become truly ourselves!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-DG2013](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-DG2013)  
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# BOBBY JO VALENTINE ACOUSTIC CONCERT

SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER 3**  
4 - 5:30 pm • Gathering Place

Resurrection MCC is proud to host this amazing musician in an intimate concert setting. A love offering will be accepted.

[www.bobbyjovalentine.com](http://www.bobbyjovalentine.com)  
Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131103](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131103)  
MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org



# TRANS\*FORMATIONS

THURSDAYS  
**NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21**  
**DECEMBER 5**  
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Join Community Educator and Activist Lou Weaver as he facilitates this empowering Thursday evening series in honor of Trans\* Awareness and Ally Month! Joined by incredible guest presenters Daniel Williams, Tye West, and Katy Stewart and co-sponsored by such ground-breaking community organizations as TENT, HRC Houston, Black Transmen Inc and Equality Texas, Lou will host this enriching series featuring trans\* storytelling, history sharing, advocacy training, and community healing!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-T2013](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-T2013)  
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**BISHOP CARLTON  
PEARSON**  
SATURDAY  
**NOVEMBER 9**

**HEALING THE WOUNDED YOU:  
KNOWING YOUR TRUE SELF AND THE  
GOODNESS OF ALL HUMANITY**

Noon - 2 pm • Sanctuary

Join Bishop Pearson, spiritual activists, and academics for a conversation on moving the Christian Church and religion in general to a place of healing and reconciliation where ALL are affirmed and celebrated. Bishop Pearson will sign copies of his latest books following the discussion.

**THE HEALING JOURNEY:  
AN EVENING CONCERT WITH  
BISHOP CARLTON PEARSON**

6 - 9 pm • Sanctuary

Join Bishop Pearson, singers, and musicians for a progressive and positive worship experience that focuses on healing and reconciliation. A love offering will be received during the service.

*These are free community events in partnership with  
Progressive Open Door Community Center.*



**Coming Out  
To ourselves**

SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 10**

1 - 2 pm, Gathering Place

This heart-opening interactive workshop will invite, encourage and even challenge you to change your "story" to one that feels better, and to look at opportunities for forgiveness which come as we begin to heal feelings of guilt, shame and regret. The workshop is based on Rev. Jerry Troyer's book, Coming Out to Ourselves... Admitting, Accepting and Embracing Who We Truly Are. [www.revjerry.com](http://www.revjerry.com)

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131110](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131110)  
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**MCC 101**  
SATURDAY  
**NOVEMBER 16**  
9 AM - NOON  
Gathering Place

Learn more about who we are at Resurrection MCC in this introductory class. We'll discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, learn more about our history, and discover the many ways people are making an impact in our faith community. At the end of class you will be given the opportunity to become a member if you feel God's call on your heart to do so. The class is open to those wishing to become members and those who simply want to learn more about Resurrection MCC.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131116](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131116)  
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**LGBTQ AND FREE**  
SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER 17**  
1 - 5 pm, Chapel

This foundational offering is for all who seek to reconcile their experience of God, their sexuality, and their understanding of Christian Scripture. In the course of an intensive afternoon, we will engage study of the 6 "lobber passages" in the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience, current Biblical scholarship, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If you are asking "What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" or "What does Jesus say about being gay?" please join us!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131117](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131117)  
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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.

Details and RSVP: [www.bit.ly/YOGA2013](http://www.bit.ly/YOGA2013)

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are in the process of forming a Finance Committee for Resurrection MCC to review, evaluate, and make recommendations to our Board of Directors on the use of our financial resources.

### RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Develop and implement a long term financial resource plan.
- Evaluate all the Church's assets.
- Develop a financial resource plan which details steps that best leverages our assets.
- Implement and develop steps that would have portions of the church budget supported by outside sources.
- Oversee the annual audit

### CORE COMPETENCIES INCLUDE:

- Financial background, accountability, good communication skills, and relates well to all kinds of people.

If you have some of the desired competencies and are interested in serving, please contact Eddie Domingue at [Treasurer@Resurrectionmcc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Resurrectionmcc.org).

### 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](mailto:Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x112.

### Board Member on Duty

Dr. Jackie Marshall and Eddie Domingue  
*Board Minutes Available Upon Request.*

## General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended October 13, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$15,018.33	\$712,158.08
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$728,221.18
Total Giving Variance		(\$16,063.10)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$17,369.71	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	421	485
Programming	120	156
Total Weekly Attendance	541	641

### January - September, 2013 (unaudited)

All Revenue: \$792,855  
Expenses: \$655,774  
Principal Payments: \$67,209  
Current Liabilities: \$7,400  
Prepaid 2014 Pledges: \$20,603  
Net: \$41,869  
Owed to Capital: \$55,448

**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** **OCTOBER 20**

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:00 am	HIV & STD Testing	<i>Gathering Place</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Annual Congregational Forum	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

### **MONDAY** **OCTOBER 21**

6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102	<i>Chapel</i>
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	The Prosperous Heart	<i>Gathering Place</i>

### **TUESDAY** **OCTOBER 22**

6:00 pm	Resurrection Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Yoga	<i>Activities Building</i>

### **WEDNESDAY** **OCTOBER 23**

7:00 pm	Living Spirit	<i>Gathering Place</i>
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### **THURSDAY** **OCTOBER 24**

6:00 pm	District 7 EducationTown Hall Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Zumba	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:30 pm	Spirits and Spirituality	<i>Porch Swing Pub</i>

### **FRIDAY** **OCTOBER 25**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

6:45 pm	Critical Mass Bike Ride	
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### **SATURDAY** **OCTOBER 26**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00 am	Body Blast	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:00 am	Spiritual Leadership Retreat	<i>Gathering Place</i>
1:00 pm	5th Quarter Christmas - Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:00 pm	5th Quarter Christmas - Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
1:00 pm	Ms. Holly's Halloween Bash	<i>Activities Building</i>
5:00 pm	The Movement towards Global Justice	<i>Gathering Place</i>

### **SUNDAY** **OCTOBER 27**

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Pastoral Care Ministers Team Meeting	<i>Work Room</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

# A LIFE OF ENOUGH:

## For Ourselves, For Our Church, For The World

Next week we gather the financial commitments you make to advance God's work through Resurrection MCC. Please pray and prepare to bring your commitment card forward that day. This season we continue to celebrate our summer commitments that already take us 51% of the way to our goal. And we continue to invite everyone to be in the journey of generosity from just starting off to tithing 10% into even greater abundance. Specifically, if we are already have a commitment based on a percentage of our income we are asked to increase that commitment by 1-2% of our gross income. If I currently give 5% that increases my commitment to 6-7% of my income. Some respondents this summer moved from 10% to 12%. And also specifically, if we haven't made a consistent commitment, we are asked to calculate what starting at 5% of our income would be and making a first step to achieve that goal. On the back of our commitment cards, is a helpful graph to see what increments by percentages could mean for you. It is a journey for everyone— one step at a time.

Creating a life of enough encourages us to be clear with our commitments, our values, and to choose to grow that which gives us meaning, thankful for what we have received, trusting God into our future.