

## Elected and Volunteer Ministry Leaders

### Board of Directors (elected)

Rev. Dwayne Johnson,  
Moderator  
Lilah Blackstone  
Knut Panknin  
Phil Helbling  
Terri Neal  
Johanna Hardy  
Ace Barbari

### Lay Delegates (elected)

Cecelia Hayden-Smith  
Steve Jones  
Chocolatte' Hatcher-Miller

### Trustee Committee (appointed)

Cecelia Hayden-Smith  
Paul Larsen  
Scott Frazier  
Tammy Oreabaugh

### Bible Study

Dale Madyun-Baskerville

### Children's Ministry

Emerging

### Couple's Ministry

Emerging

### Deaf Ministry

Vilas Johnson

### Finance Committee (appointed)

### Blessings To Go

Emerging

### Communion Celebrant Ministry

Dale Madyun-Baskerville

### Intercessory Prayer Team

LaMar Jenkins

### Hospitality Ministry???

Ministry Team

### Internet/Website/ Eblast

Dale Madyun-Baskerville

### Information Station

Knut Panknin

### Older Adults

Dale L. Madyun-Baskerville  
Rose Williams

### Worship Arts Ministry

9:00 AM Daniel Searce  
11:00 AM Diedre Gray

### Pastoral Care

Rev Elder Dwayne Johnson

### Spanish Speaking Ministry

Emerging

### S.H.A.R.E.

Pastoral Care Ministers

### Sound Board

Michael Cunningham

### Live Stream/Video Ministry

Dale Madyun-Baskerville

### Women's Group

Ministry Team

### Usher Ministry

Louis Hicks

### Young Adult Ministry

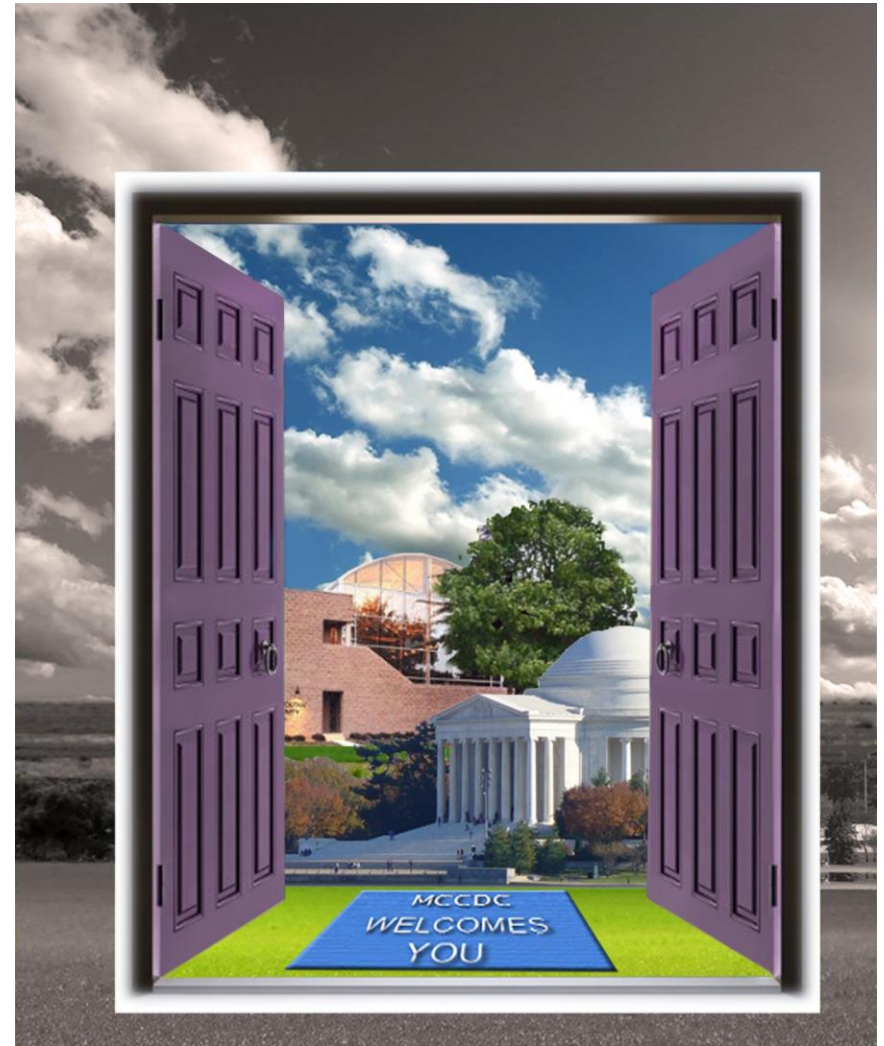
Pending

### Drama Ministry

Jules Christian

### Dance Ministry

Cathy Batson



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If you are interested in a ministry shown here or one you would like to see, please contact Rev. Cathy Alexander at RevCathy@mccdc.com or call her at 202-638-7373.

## Our Mission

**We are creating a powerful inclusive spiritual community, working with God to make a positive difference.**

Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, DC is a diverse community of faith. We are open, affirming, and inclusive. Our faith is rooted in the teachings and spiritual practices of Christianity. We also respect the rich wisdom of other faith traditions.

We affirm each individual as God's unique and gifted creation. With a history of celebrating diversity in gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity, we welcome all people.

We are called to:

- Learn, preach, and teach about God's unconditional love for all of creation.
- Create a welcoming and safe space to experience belonging in community.
- Be fully engaged in our own spiritual growth and giftedness.
- Support the growth of others on their spiritual journey to hope, healing wholeness.
- Actively promote equality and justice for all people.
- Follow the call of Jesus to "Come, taste, and see," inviting all to the open table of Jesus' beloved community.

## Our Aspirations

**Our aspiration is to be known as the leading creative and inclusive community of faith in the DC Metro Region.**

### CONNECTING AND ENGAGING

We will be known for the songs we sing and the joy we share. Our transformational stories and vibrant art will open new windows into the loving heart of our Creator. The love of Christ will shine through our lives reflecting a generous welcome with affirming acceptance. Our movement is becoming a faith community of many ages, cultures, and ways of life.

### GROWING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

As we live into this vision, we will inspire people to discover and develop their talents. We will encourage the growth of their creative potential. We will equip them for Spirit-led ways of service to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

### BECOMING A SPIRITUAL FORCE

Empowered by the Holy Spirit we share ourselves and our gifts to become a growing spiritual force for compassion, justice, and equality. In a spirit of collaboration, we partner with other communities and organizations.

**As we fulfill this vision, we will have over 1,000 participants engaged in our weekly activities, online programming, and/or worship services.**

### Dan Scearce, 9:00am Music Director

Daniel hales from Mount Airy, NC. He began his love of music growing up in a musical family where most family gatherings and holidays ended up around the piano singing everything from traditional hymns to whatever was popular at the time.

In his teen years he sang with many groups, doing Southern Gospel and Contemporary Christian Music. After high school, he traveled full time with an evangelistic team, leading music for revivals and traveling to Haiti on multiple mission trips.

Being at MCCDC he says, "for me is a bit like 'Coming home'. When I moved to the DC metro area in 1997, I first attended MCCDC at the M Street location. I was a member of the Victory Choir under the direction of Dale Jarrett, and Larry Urig was Sr. Pastor.

I became a member and was part of this congregation and music ministry until I went to MCC of Northern VA as interim Music Director where I served for 12 years."

### Diedre Mouton Gray, 11:00am Music Director

### Anton Hooks Facilities Coordinator

# MCCDC Staff

## **Rev. Elder J. Dwayne Johnson, Senior Pastor**

Pastor Dwayne was elected as the Senior Pastor at our November 2009 Congregational Meeting. He began his pastorate on January 1, 2010. Rev. Johnson has a passion for outreach, justice and equality that is grounded in spiritual development. In 2006 he participated in a peace mission to Israel with a group of Jewish, Muslim and Christian educators and clergy. In January 2009 he became a member of the Academy for Spiritual Formation, studying with Grace Imathiu, Margaret Guenther, Glenn Hinson and other leaders in the Spiritual Formation movement.

Dwayne's history toward Pastoral Ministry in MCC began in the late 1980s when he served as a Volunteer Pastoral Assistant under Rev. Larry Uhrig, who was Senior Pastor at MCCDC at the time. He transferred his clergy credentials from the Church of the Nazarene to MCC and subsequently began his first MCC Pastorate in Richmond, Virginia in 1992. From 1996 through 2009, Rev. Johnson was Senior Pastor of Resurrection MCC in Houston, Texas. During his service, the congregation grew from approximately 300 to over 600 members, moved to a 10-acre campus, and recovered from massive hurricane damage to the church facility.

Born in Lubbock, Texas, he has also lived in California, Kansas, Missouri, and Washington State. He is a graduate of Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas, majoring in Communications, Psychology and English and earned his M.Div. from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

## **Rev. Cathy Alexander, Associate Pastor**

Rev. Cathy was born and raised in Williamsburg VA and has been active in Metropolitan Community Churches since 1999. As Associate Pastor she is responsible for development and coordination of spiritual and affinity based programming to assist people in connecting and engaging in the life of the MCCDC. She is also responsible for coordinating volunteer engagement programs and would enjoy speaking with you about your spiritual giftedness and your passions for ministry.

Rev. Cathy is a retired military officer and a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary where she earned her M.Div. She has also held memberships and ministry or staff responsibilities at MCC of the Spirit (Harrisburg, PA), MCC of Northern Virginia (MCCNOVA in Fairfax, VA) and duties at the MCC denominational level (People of African Descent Conference Planning Team, MCC Governing Board Nominating Committee and MCC Judiciary Committee).

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friend,

Home is a place of heart and a place where we can be ourselves. As I think about what it means to be part of MCCDC, I find myself thinking about that special place called home. I believe that home is one of our deepest needs ... and also deepest desires. More than any other words, home expresses why MCCDC exists.

In 2022, we are celebrating 51 years of ministry to the Greater Washington, DC region. For many people through these 48 years, MCCDC has been a "second home." For some, it has been a place of support, joy, friendship, spiritual growth, listening, prayer, sharing, and more. I am eternally grateful for those who first came together to open doors of unconditional love to everyone. From the beginning, MCCDC has provided a home to those who have been turned away, shut out, locked out, or had doors slammed in their faces.

Praise God for every person who has found a spiritual home at MCCDC. It is time to not only celebrate the doors we have opened in the past, but to open brand new doors. At MCCDC, there is a sense of energy and expectation in the air. Yes, God is up to something ... and we're all invited to be a part of it. Our vision in 2022 is that MCCDC is the place to BE.

On the inside, we are committed to opening doors that lead to sustained spiritual growth, to inner strength. On the outside, we are committed to outward social responsibility. As our world becomes increasingly fractured through greed, fear, and isolation, our mission is more vital than ever.

Yes, our doors are open. They are open so that we can go out to touch lives, offer leadership in our community, to impact our neighborhood, and to challenge people to live beyond the culture to a freer life of faith. Our doors are also open to welcome new people so that many more can discover MCCDC, a life-giving home for all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people and allies.

Great days are ahead as we praise God for the many lives touched by MCCDC since our founding in 1971. We seek God's guidance to open doors to who we are called to be now, and in the future.

Blessings and peace,  
Rev. Elder J. Dwayne Johnson, Senior Pastor



## Welcome Home!

We're very glad that you chose to worship with us today! We hope that your visit will be a blessing for you. As you are welcome here, we pray that Christ will find a welcome in your heart and in your life; that you may know the wonder of being loved unconditionally, cherished unceasingly, and saved everlastingly. We hope that the information in this brochure will answer some of your questions about who we are. We invite you to join us for fellowship after the worship service today and to stop by our Information Station.

## Who We Are

The Metropolitan Community Church of Washington DC (MCCDC) is a Christian Church with a special ministry to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer people. As our vision statement proclaims, we seek to "Affirm God's Love, Share Christ's Message and Serve in the Spirit." This year we celebrate our 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a member congregation of Metropolitan Community Churches, we proclaim God's love for all persons, participate in a ministry of social justice, and advocate the human rights of all persons. Our authority for ministry comes from God and is revealed through Christ and the Scriptures as God's inspired word.

## Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to ALL who seek God's love. Membership in this church (or any other church) is not a requirement to receive this gift. It is our custom to dip the wafer into the cup of juice and offer it with a personal prayer for God's blessing. Also, Communion with silent prayer is served at the far left side near the piano.

## Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is offered during Sunday worship to all who request it. Baptism by water and the Spirit, according to the Scriptures, is a sign of the dedication of each life to God and God's service. Through the words and acts of this sacrament, you are identified as God's own Beloved.

## Our Response to the Word

During the Hymn of Response, we encourage you to come forward for prayer for yourself or for someone you may be carrying in your heart. The person leading this portion of the service will ask what your particular concern might be and then a prayer will be offered that incorporates all of the concerns brought forward. Also, this is the time in the service where, if you wish to be baptized, you may come forward and express that desire to the person leading prayer.

## How We Serve

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

*Matthew 25:35*

As Christians, we believe that we are called to teach the faith, create a community of hospitality and acceptance, nurture those in need, equip each other to grow spiritually, and lift up the name of Jesus as a beacon of hope and salvation.

## Information Station and Website

If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please stop by the Information Station in the Welcome Hall before or after either worship service. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.mccdc.com](http://www.mccdc.com), and Facebook at MCCDC.