

# Calm & Bright

Metropolitan Community Church of Washington DC  
474 Ridge Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001

December 11, 2018

Dear MCCDCer,

It is a wonderful time of year for the beloved community! Our Sanctuary is alive with vibrant lights, poinsettias, and a dramatic nativity. We are excited that again this year our Annual Toy Drive is going outside our doors to support the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative for children in Ward 7. Rev. Cathy and I, along with volunteers from MCCDC, will be going to Ward 7 on Saturday, December 15 to meet the kids and families and give out the toys.



Thank you for your generosity this year. Because of your gifts of time, talent and treasure MCCDC has been an impactful presence in the community. We've enclosed your 2018 Giving Statement through November to keep you updated on how you are directly making ministry happen at and through MCCDC. Your stewardship has allowed us to reach out into the community and offer programs and services that are greatly needed. Your stewardship also makes possible our weekly worship, our 24/7 Pastoral Care Ministry, our vibrant Bible Study on Tuesdays, an active drama ministry, bi-weekly intercessory prayer meetings, and a plethora of engaging programming all through the year. The Live Stream ministry continues to effectively take MCCDC beyond the walls of 5<sup>th</sup> and Ridge St.

As we approach the end of the year, we ask you to consider MCCDC in your year-end gifts. Your year-end gifts will allow MCCDC to end the year on a positive financial note and prepare us for 2019. Over the last few months we have been shining a spotlight on our aspirations: Growing from the Inside Out, Connecting and Engaging, Building Our Generous Home and Becoming a Spiritual Force. Thank you for making these a reality.

Please help us end 2018 by building on this momentum and starting 2019 on a high note. To make your year-end gift, you can go to [www.mccdc.com/donate](http://www.mccdc.com/donate), click on donate then select General Fund in the dropdown menu. You can also send a check made payable to MCCDC. Checks should be mailed to MCCDC, 474 Ridge Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

And, do make MCCDC your place to be for seasonal worship. We especially want to invite you to our Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Our service will commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Silent Night," first sung on Christmas Eve 1818 in Austria. Invite your friends and family. The largest Friends & Family Group in attendance will receive special gifts—presented by Rev. Cathy and me. The greatest gift will be for everyone: experiencing the presence of the Christ Child through gathering as community, through soul-stirring music with Minister Diedre and special musical guests, and through lighting our candles and raising them in joy.

By Faith,

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Rev. Elder J. Dwayne Johnson  
Senior Pastor, MCCDC

Handwritten signature of Rev. Cathy Alexander in blue ink.

Rev. Cathy Alexander  
Associate Pastor, MCCDC