

Transgender Day of Remembrance 2021

A Virtual Service from
Metropolitan Community Church DC
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



“Out of Darkness, Light Shall Shine”



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The Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was founded in 1998 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith—a transgender graphic designer, columnist, and activist—to memorialize the murder of Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts. What initially began as a web-based project has since burgeoned into an international day of action. In 2014, TDORs were observed in over 200 cities around the world.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance occurs annually on November 20th to honor those who have been murdered because of transphobia and those who have survived gender-based violence. The overarching goal is to bring attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender community with the hope that together we can end such violence and intolerance.

2021 was the deadliest year on record for transgender and nonbinary people in the United States and around the world. We lost 45 US residents and at least 375 people worldwide.

We believe these acts are horribly unacceptable, and we continue to call for change. It is vitally important to honor those who have suffered, yet we need to draw strength from their passion, dedication, and insistence to express their gender in an otherwise hostile, transphobic world. Let us therefore take this day as a Call to Action: stand for what you believe in, support your community, and fight for the equal treatment of all individuals. Together we can change the tide and make our communities fair, just, and supportive for all.

Order of the Program

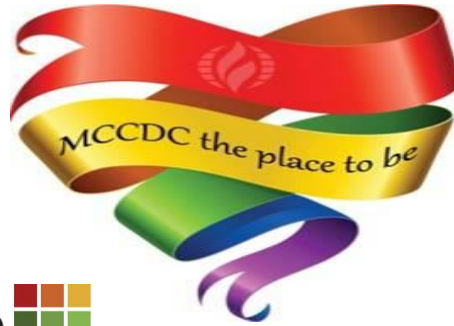
Welcome	Charmaine Eccles, TDOR2021 Moderator
TDOR Prayer of Blessing	Rev. Cathy Alexander, Metropolitan Community Church DC
Musical Selection: “I Trust You”	Agape Praise Choir, Unity Fellowship Church
Mayor’s Proclamation/ Remarks	Japer Bowles, Director of the Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ Affairs
DC City Council Proclamation and Remarks	Joe Crea, Office of DC At-Large Councilmember Robert White
Pouring of the Libation and Reading of the Names of Those Lost in 2021	Rev. Elder Akosua McCray, Unity Fellowship Church DC
Musical Selection	Demontre Washington
Musical Selection	Jazmin Sutherlin
Closing Remarks (thank our sponsors and TDOR2021 committee)	Earline Budd, TDOR2021 Committee Member
Closing Prayer	Rev. Dwayne Johnson, Metropolitan Community Church DC
Musical Selection: “My Life Matters ft. Cam Chanel”	Minister Diedre Gray and The Love Movement

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