

Abundance Report



Thank You for Sharing Your Abundance

Thank you for all that you give to MCC Toronto. It is only with your generosity that we are able to have a spiritual home that truly changes lives.

These are difficult times; many of us are feeling the pain of this recession. We hope that you have found comfort and solace here. When we are troubled, having a stable and secure place of worship becomes even

more important. With your caring and thoughtful gifts, we are able to share our message of joy and inclusiveness with people in this city and around the world via Sunday services (including our webcast), Adult Spiritual Education Programming, and the Information Centre, to give a few examples.

How Your Gifts Have Made a Difference

From January through March, your giving had a wonderful impact in many areas at MCC Toronto.

Our Worship Services

Our doors were open for 39 worship services, including Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes' popular Taking Flight sermon series. Close to 500 people have joined us each Sunday. These services are only successful because of the hard work of our staff and our many, many dedicated volunteers. Moreover, about 100 hundred people are worshipping with us via our webcast. Some are friends we know; others are reaching out to us from countries where it is illegal to be gay or lesbian. In addition, we were able to welcome extra musicians for special events such as Jackie Richardson's performance on February 8th. We can also look forward to more wonderful performances by the Choir of MCC Toronto as they are busy learning new music.

Our Adult Spiritual Education Programming

These have been very active months for ASE. Sixty-seven people have enrolled in this semester's offerings, which includes a familiar course, CLM (Creating a Life that Matters), as well as brand new ones: CLMmore, Parenting the Positive Discipline Way and Deuteronomy-A Coup d'etat! Plus, each week about a

dozen people drop in for our silent meditation/Eckhart Tolle DVD teaching, A New Earth II.

Our Facilities

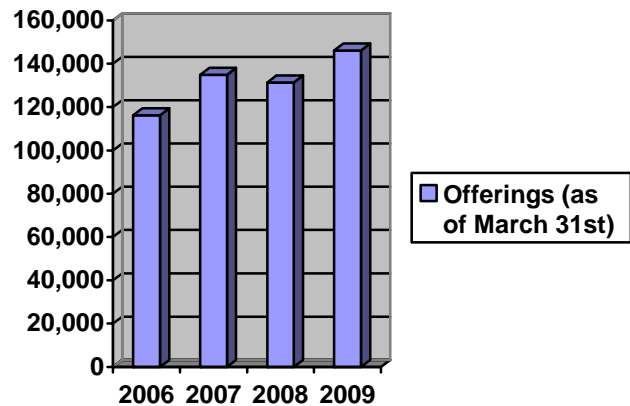
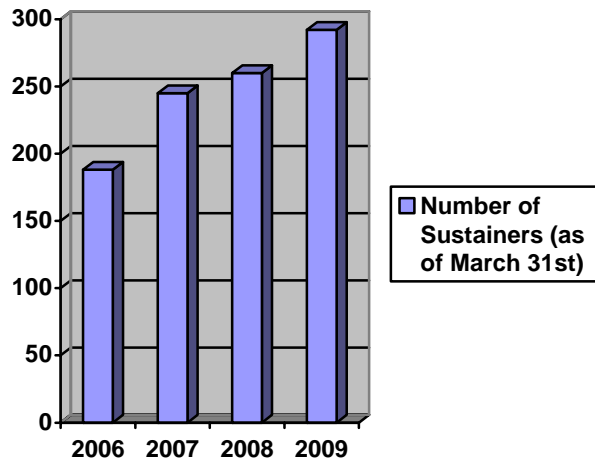
We have finished the necessary repairs to our boiler. We also completed some emergency repairs after the ceiling in the Chapel collapsed and retiled the floor between the staircase and the entrance to the kitchen. Finally, we are very pleased to be upgrading the wiring in the Sanctuary, thanks to an anonymous donor.

Our Church

The staff has done much to improve our volunteer experience, our finances and our communications. Some examples:

- 47 volunteers have found a place at MCC Toronto. Two new nannies are now supporting our Nursery
- Our donor database was updated and organized to ensure that income tax receipts were effectively produced and distributed
- We have faster, more reliable Internet service, making all communication much easier
- *Sunday News* has been redesigned for better reading and less waste

Giving of Your Treasure



Sustained giving is the key to the financial stability of the church. With these regular gifts we are able to effectively budget and allocate resources. As you can see, the number of sustainers has increased by more than 100 people since 2006. As of March 31st, 292 people are sustainers. Thank you to everyone who gives via sustained giving or has made a financial commitment to MCC Toronto.

Offerings are more abundant now than they were three years ago. At the end of March 2006, offerings totalled \$116,280; as of the same time this year, you gave \$146,187 through offerings. The primary source of income for the Church is our offerings. Thank you for your generosity.

Making a Gift

Below are some common questions regarding giving:

How much should I give?

The Bible suggests we tithe 10% of our income (Numbers 18:25-26). Of course, many of us are passionate about numerous charitable causes. If you were to tithe 10% of your earnings each week, one way to divide your gifts would be to give one dollar per every thousand of your income to two favourite causes. For example, if you earn \$35,000 per year, you could give \$35 per week to MCC Toronto and \$35 per week to another charity. Apply this formula using your budget. How do you feel about the resulting numbers?

Will I get a tax receipt?

MCC Toronto is a registered charity (charitable registration number: 13035 3469 RR 0001). As such, we are able to issue tax receipts for the gifts we receive. By

claiming your tax credits, you may reduce your income tax.

For more information, please consult the Canada Revenue Agency's "Giving to Charity" Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/donors.

What percentage of the budget is covered by the congregation?

In 2007, congregational giving (offerings and donations) accounted for 57% of our revenue. On average, congregational giving has accounted for 50% of MCC Toronto's total annual revenue. Our goal is to have congregational giving provide 75% of our budget. Complete details regarding MCC Toronto's revenues and expenses can be found in our annual financial reports, which are externally audited and made available at the Information Centre.

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