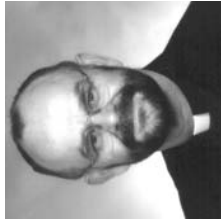


Our Clergy & Wedding Coordinator

MCC Toronto has two certified clergypersons who perform weddings at our church. Both the Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes and Rev. Jo Bell are ordained by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a worldwide denomination. Both Jo and Brent are authorized to officiate weddings, and do so both at the church, and at other off-site locations. Their sensitive and accommodating styles go a long way toward ensuring a meaningful and memorable ceremony for you and your guests.



Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes



Rev. Jo Bell

Greetings!

I'm excited that you're considering MCC Toronto as the site of your upcoming wedding! We're so very proud to have celebrated the first two legal same-sex marriages in the world, right in our sanctuary - the same place you'll stand if your wedding takes place with us!

I hope you find this flyer helpful, and please note that we have much more detail available on our website, where you'll find a full Wedding Planning Packet. Also, if I can be of any help, please call me directly.

Blessings!

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Wedding Coordinator weddings@mcctoronto.com

Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto is a Joyful, Spiritual Community of Gay-Positive People Committed to being an Inclusive, Affirmative, Caring Church

Our Core Values

Spirituality, Faith, Diversity, Leadership, Advocacy, Caring, Compassion, Courage, Joy, Celebration

Our Bedrock Beliefs

We believe in a loving and good God, known by many names God's love is offered to everyone unconditionally

There are many paths to God, one of them is Christianity

God is everywhere, with us always, gives us strength, and works through us

Every person is created in the image of God, and is inherently good

All life is a gift from God, and each life has a purpose

Jesus is our teacher, example, saviour and friend

In the power and effectiveness of prayer

And we believe in eternal life

Join us at 115 Simpson Ave.
(near Broadview & Gerrard)

Each Week at 9:00am and 11:00am
for morning Worship Celebration
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Get Married Where The Fight For Same-Sex Marriage Rights Began!

Our History

In the fall of 2000, MCC Toronto made a decision that the time was right for our church to take the next step in our pursuit of equal marriage rights in Canada. So, on January 14, 2001 Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes performed the first legal same-sex wedding in Canada, marrying Kevin Bourassa and Joe Varnell, and Elaine Vautour and Anne Vautour in a double ceremony in our sanctuary. The Registrar General of Ontario refused to register the marriage documents, and so MCC Toronto took the Government of Ontario to court.

On July 12, 2002 the Superior Court of Justice ruled in favour of MCC Toronto's right to perform legal same-sex marriages.

Schedule your wedding at MCC Toronto and stand on the exact same spot that the first same-sex couples who were legally wed stood!

For our community, that spot is truly "holy ground."



Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes legally marrying
Kevin Bourassa and Joe Varnell - Jan 14/01



Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes legally marrying
Elaine Vautour and Anne Vautour - Jan 14/01

Our Facilities

MCC Toronto has a full sanctuary that can house hundreds of your guests, or can be made intimate enough for a small wedding party. We also have an organ, piano, and sound-system to support a full range of music - from a small CD player to a full compliment of musicians and vocalists. A choice of different sized rooms can also be decorated for your reception, whether you're having a few or a few hundred!

MCC Toronto is a smoke-free environment. Smoking is limited to designated outside areas only. Alcohol is permitted in the church once a permit is obtained from the LCBO.



We're Making History!