

more than 6,000 weddings for people of the same gender, annually.

☪ MCC serves as the largest international venue for public education about homosexuality and Christianity.



Metropolitan Community Churches

...invite you to join our
ever-widening...

Circle of Light!

The Light of Truth!

The Light of God's Love!

The Light of Liberation!



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**Fellowship
FACTOIDS!**

We frequently receive requests asking for current statistics and background information regarding our Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Churches...here's some "factoids" as of September 2003.

☯ MCC has an inclusive membership of over 43,000 members and adherents in 22 countries.

☯ Starting with one group of 12 in Los Angeles, California in 1968, MCC now has about 300 churches throughout the world.

☯ MCC was founded in October 1968, one year prior to the 1969 Stonewall Riots that gave birth to the contemporary Gay rights movement.

☯ MCC has been a the vanguard of civil and human rights movements and addresses the important issues of racism, sexism, homophobia, ageism, and other forms of oppression.

☯ MCC congregations have an aggregate annual operating budget in excess of \$20 million. MCC Headquarters and Regional Elders have an annual operating budget of \$3.2 million.

☯ More than fifty percent (50.5%)

of MCC clergy are women, a higher percentage than any other Christian denomination.

There are MCC congregations in:

Argentina
Australia
Brazil
Canada
Cuba
Denmark
France
Germany
Great Britain
Mexico
The Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
The Philippines
Puerto Rico
Nigeria
Romania
Russia
Scotland
South Africa
The United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela

☯ MCC has churches in 48 states of the U.S.A. yet there are active members in all 50 states!

☯ The largest MCC congregation is Resurrection MCC (Houston, Texas) with a membership exceeding 600. MCCCIV has an active membership of approximately 100.

☯ MCC holds observer status in the World Council of Churches, participates in the programs of the National Council of Churches — and has full membership in four U.S.A. state councils: California, Colorado, Hawaii, and North Carolina.

☯ The MCC World Headquarters is located in a \$3.89 million facility in West Hollywood, California.

☯ AIDS has dramatically affected MCC congregations. Since 1982, an estimated 6,000 MCC members have died of AIDS and related diseases.

☯ Twenty-one MCC church buildings have been victimized by the antigay hate crimes of arson, desecration, or fire-bombing.

☯ Elected leadership of the denomination consists of a 10-member Board of Elders composed of the denominational Moderator, Vice-Moderator and eight Regional Elders. The Rev. Troy D. Perry is the Moderator of MCC. Our regional elder is the Rev. Elder Debbie Martin. MCCCIV is a part of the Region of the Pacific Rim (the largest geographic region made up of close to one third of the globe!)

☯ MCC pastors bless same gender couples with Marriage and Holy Union Ceremonies. Pastors perform