



Welcome to MCC Brisbane

Metropolitan Community Church Brisbane was founded in 1973 as a Christian church with an outreach to all people who value an inclusive fellowship. The special mission of MCC has always been to the LGBT communities, including lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans, intersex or queer people.

MCC Brisbane is affiliated with, and is a member of, the world-wide Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The church was started by Rev Troy Perry in California in 1968 and has always stood for equality and justice. There are about 220 congregations in 137 countries with more than 60,000 members. As well as the church in Brisbane, there are three churches in Sydney and one in Melbourne.

Although MCC Brisbane serves the LGBTIQ community, our services and membership are open to everyone.

MCC and Human Rights

MCC Brisbane calls Christians to:

- stand in solidarity with the marginalised
- work for the relief all who are oppressed
- care for refugees and asylum seekers
- call attention to human rights abuses
- be a voice for international justice
- lift up new generations of spiritual activists
- build on hope to create a sustainable future
- be partners in working for change
- respond to issues of injustice in our world
- share Gods unconditional love with people
- proclaim the equality of all human beings
- demonstrate the love of God in Christ.



MCC Beliefs

MCC bases its theology on the historic creeds of the Christian Church such as the Apostles' and Nicene creed. We believe in the Trinity: God as our Parent and Creator, Jesus Christ the only begotten son of God, fully God in human flesh, and the Holy Spirit, as God our Sustainer.

We believe that:

- the Bible is the inspired Word of God
- the Godhead consists of three Divine Persons
- Jesus died for our sins and rose again
- salvation is by grace through faith alone
- the grace of God is a free gift given in love
- God in love forgives our sins
- eternal life is ours through faith in Jesus.



Every MCC church celebrates the Communion at least once a week. All are welcome to share in communion. The gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice symbolise Jesus' life and death for us. You do not need not be a member of MCC or any other church to receive communion.

Mission Statement

The mission of MCC Brisbane is to provide a welcoming and sensitive worship environment where we can express the reconciliation between God and the world. We encourage each other to grow in faith and foster involvement in social justice.

We are a movement that proclaims God's inclusive love for all people. We bear witness to the integration of spirituality and sexuality. We reach out to those who have no hope and we aim to explore life's questions with open hearts and minds.

Church Life

MCC allows its member churches freedom in doctrine, worship, and practice. Worship styles vary widely from church to church. The Brisbane church prefers an informal style while following an order of service. We sing songs that vary from traditional to contemporary. Prayers are usually extemporaneous, and the sermon is an opportunity for teaching and discussion.

MCC supports marriage equality and provides equal opportunities for people of all genders to serve and minister within our fellowship.

Fellowship and Social Activities

At MCC, we love to talk and laugh. We meet regularly for outdoor activities, such as a barbecue or at a coffee shop for conversation and fellowship. We organise events for the church to have dinner together to celebrate special occasions, for example at Christmas. Groups of individuals sometimes get together for a movie night or a day trip to gardens or beaches. Everyone is welcome to attend MCC and enjoy Christian fellowship and friendship.

Building Bridges

Many people who attend MCC have suffered the soul destruction that comes from hate-filled rhetoric and bigotry. In restoring our souls, we have found our voices of liberation and hope. We speak words of peace, compassion and love. We seek to show Jesus' example of respect and grace to others. We work together with other Christians to free all those who are oppressed by hatred and violence.

Church Pastor

The MCC Brisbane pastor (since August 2015) is Pastor David Coltheart. Formerly a minister of another denomination, David worked for 25 years in pastoral and evangelistic ministry in NSW, Queensland and NT. For ten years, he edited an international magazine of Biblical archaeology. He came out in 2007 and began attending MCC in Newcastle NSW before shifting to Queensland. He met his husband, John, in Brisbane and they were married in 2011. David and John live on the Sunshine Coast and travel to MCC Brisbane each week for services.



You can read his story here: <http://findingout.webs.com/>

Inclusive Language

Inclusive language expands our repertoire of reference to God and people, and seeks to counter patriarchal, racist or restrictive attitudes that keep people away from God and spiritual life. We use inclusive, non-sexist language to refer to the Divine, employing a variety of images to refer to God, such as "Mother" as well as "Father"; "Creator" and "Eternal Spirit" as well as the more familiar term "God." People of all genders and identities are welcome alike in God's presence.

Would Jesus Discriminate?

If on earth today, Jesus would not ignore LGBTIQ people. The Jesus we know would join us in worship and fellowship, enfold us in arms of love and include us in God's blessings. At MCC Brisbane, you will meet Christians who are passionate about their love for Jesus and their desire to share the love of God.

Welcome

We invite you to come as you are, whether you identify as Christian, come from another faith background or are of no previous faith tradition. You will find friends and fellow travellers on life's journey. We invite you to join us.

We are a progressive Christian church, open to all people who want to learn more about God. We give thanks to God for people of all genders, sexualities, ages and cultural backgrounds.

The Spirit truly does move at MCC Brisbane. We are committed to teaching and learning the message of Christ, to helping each other learn and grow with God and to spreading the gospel in a supportive, loving and inclusive manner.

At MCC Brisbane, all persons have value and worth, and are uniquely gifted to share the Good News with others. No matter where you have come from, you are welcome at MCC. You are loved, you are accepted and you are free.

Services Available

Pastoral care and counselling

Baptisms and dedications

Blessings

Holy Unions (same-sex or opposite sex)

Funerals

Communion (open to all)

Support for coming out LGBTIQ

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