

MCCC Board Report - Pastor's Report - Oct 2021

Over the last few months we've had to make a lot of changes and adjustments in worship to make and I cannot adequately express my appreciation for the Gathering and Worship Teams. Recently, we put out a survey about the need for overflow in worship. This survey came out of several conversations with the teams as we considered many different kinds of options. These MCCC teams are filled with volunteers who have given a lot of their time and prayerfully consider what is best for the congregation. We are so blessed with their dedication and leadership.

Some info to share

- **Chi-Rho/CYF Camp Hi** - On October 10th, we had 17 youth show up for our first youth group event since the pandemic began. We stayed on the river for about an hour and were so blessed by the hospitality of Camp Hi. Camp Hi gave us a great discount and in addition to that, an anonymous member of our congregation donated \$20/person! What a blessing!
- **Purple Chalice** - I had my first session with the Kettering Foundation research group about the idea of a "purple church." Rev. Sarah Taylor-Peck of Canton Community Church made a presentation on her vision for the project and invited me to take part in the group discussion. I was impressed and heartened by the rigorous discussion on how to make space for hard discussions in faith communities. I feel confident that MCCC can make a solid contribution to the project as we move forward.
- **Hiram Lectures in Religion** - On September 29th I attended (over Zoom) the Hiram Lectures on Religion with Kaveh Akbar. Prof. Akbar is a published poet and offered a wonderful presentation.

Looking forward...

- Our Advent series this season is from a creative group called Sanctified Art. The Advent series is called "Close to Home" and will take us through the season of Advent with scripture and art. Looking forward to it!

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Chad Delaney