



Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco

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“Community is our middle name!”

JUST SAY ‘I DO!’ SUPPORT MCC SAN FRANCISCO

Dear

I am writing to ask you to say **“I DO!”** by helping to support a place that is very dear to me: Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco. I know so many people whose lives have been changed, or even saved, by coming here:



Brian was homeless and is now on the MCCSF board.

- Brian, formerly homeless, used to sleep on the sidewalk in front of the church. “Most churches push you away for being an addict, being gay, having AIDS or being homeless. MCC pulled me in,” said Brian, now clean and sober for seven years and a member of the MCCSF board.
- Elisa, raised Jewish, felt a warm welcome at MCCSF, where she sings in the gospel choir. “I felt like I could finally relax and be myself—a lesbian and a Jew—and not have somebody put a label on me. I also met the love of my life (Vicki) here.”
- James married his partner, Albert, in the church sanctuary. Albert wore a veil with a 9-foot train. “I wanted to share with my friends—all 204 of them—how happy I am,” Albert said. James calls MCCSF his “home,” where “I can be all of me and don’t have to hide anything.”

Lives saved. Lives changed. Here at MCCSF, a house of prayer where we embrace diverse beliefs and common values, we talk about real transformation: What it means for Brian to go from despair to hope; for Elisa to embrace all of who she is; for Albert and James to get the wedding they deserve and to receive unconditional love from this community.

This month, the United States could be poised to **make history** with regard to **marriage equality**. By the time you receive this letter, the U.S. Supreme Court may have released its rulings on **two important marriage equality cases**. Those of us in the LGBT community may soon celebrate a major advance, or two, toward full equality under the law, or we may have to wait . . . again.



Elisa (right, with partner Vicki) can be herself at MCCSF

But with or without protection of the law, we will **continue to take care** of ourselves and those in need through **small grassroots organizations like MCCSF**, a place that **didn't wait** for a Supreme Court ruling to begin performing same-sex weddings—we've been performing them for **42 years**.

Over the years, MCCSF and its social justice foundation have:

- Given **support for those with AIDS**: In the early years of the epidemic when even some health care workers hesitated to touch those who were ill, we held one another, grieving and healing our spirits together.
- Sent **theater, music and literacy volunteers** to a local elementary school that otherwise would not have had arts or literacy programs.
- Served **meals to the hungry** through our Simply Supper program, and we continue to offer bag lunches to all who are hungry.

People from a wide range of backgrounds and beliefs join together through MCCSF to celebrate and live out our values of equality, radical inclusion, spiritual transformation and social action.



Albert and James: Wedding celebrated in community

I hope you appreciate these values too, and that's why I'm asking you to join me in supporting MCCSF with a tax-deductible donation. **Will you say "I DO!" to support this wonderful community?** Please give whatever you can afford. You can use the enclosed security envelope to send a check or credit card payment instructions (with your signature and billing address including ZIP code), or take advantage of our secure online form at mccsf.org/justsayido. Thank you for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. In honor of the **42 years of same-sex weddings** and in anticipation of the **next 42**, can we count on you for a **gift of \$84**? That's just **\$7 a month** for the next 12 months. To make a monthly pledge, send instructions with your card number, name, signature, and billing address (including ZIP code) in the enclosed envelope or fill out the pledge form at mccsf.org/justsayido. One-time donations are also welcome!

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