

## Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha (MCC Omaha)

*Transforming ourselves and our world as we live, teach, proclaim and celebrate Christ's all-inclusive love.* 

The Omaha church is part of the world-wide fellowship of <u>Metropolitan Community Churches</u>, a denomination founded in 1968 by Rev. Troy Perry to give LGBTQ people a home. At MCC churches, we do more than accept you, we celebrate who you are and who you love! Because of our radical welcome, people from all walks of life have joined us. We are truly a rainbow community.

## **Our Beliefs**

We believe God sent Jesus, the Son, to live among us so we could know the wideness of God's love. Transformed by this relationship, we are saved from loneliness and shame. We find life-saving acceptance in community. Together, we celebrate Christ's ongoing presence and power through the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion. We follow theteachings of Christ by offering acceptance and compassion to others. Reaching beyond our own walls, weare active in service and advocacy; we have a role to play in the redemption of the world. Our vision of justice, with an end to poverty and discrimination, is central to who we are.

## History

The Omaha church is anchored in the neighborhood along Leavenworth St., near downtown, but people come from as far as Grand Island to the west, Council Bluffs to the east, and Kansas City to the south. For 49 years, we've offered a new understanding of God and a place to belong.

We've had four different locations over the course of the years. In 1992, we purchased our current home, an historic red-brick church, originally Danish Lutheran. We are blessed with considerable green space for hosting outdoor events, and we share our social hall with outside groups.

Since our founding, we've enjoyed the leadership of 10 senior pastors. Rev. Joy Simpson became the senior pastor in 2021. She graduated from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City and has served three other MCC churches.



Metropolitan Community Church-Omaha was a leader in the fight for marriage equality and continues to advocate for LGBTQ people. From the very early days, we've supported all those who live with HIV and AIDS. At this time in our history, we're known as a human rights church because we stand for justice on many fronts. We build partnerships across the city, as we live out the gospel of God's inclusive love.

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