



Metropolitan Community Churches

2019 Moderator Nominating Committee

Candidate Resume

Rev. Elder Tony Freeman

2019 MNC

Church Experience – 1995 to Present

MCC Key West, Florida USA

- Completed Internship and qualified for a License to Practice.

MCC South Beach, Florida USA

- Served as volunteer worship coordinator for a “new work” under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Lou Kavar.

MCC of the Rockies, Denver, Colorado USA

- Served as the Interim Senior Pastor. Helped stabilize congregation while increasing attendance and giving

MCC San Diego, California USA

- Served as the Senior Pastor for approximately 10 years. Took the church through a transformation that resulted in over doubling in attendance from 200 to 450 weekly, while also increasing the income by almost 90%.

MCC Sacramento, California USA

- Served as the Consulting Pastor and assisted the church in stabilizing and completing a pastoral search process. This entailed flying from San Diego to Sacramento every other weekend, and sometimes more often.

MCC Toronto, Canada

- Served as the Director of Congregational Life and Executive Pastor. Worked to align programs with strategic initiatives in one of MCC’s largest congregations.

MCC (Denomination), Sarasota, Florida USA

- Served as the Director of the Office of Church Life and Health. Responsibilities included, but not limited to: staff supervision, development of annual plans and budgets, creation of new resources, teaching and speaking at local MCC’s and conferences, volunteer recruitment/management, crisis intervention, and management of MCC Networks

MCC of the Palm Beaches, Florida USA

- Serving as the Interim Senior Pastor. Preparing the congregation to call a new pastor after the departure of long-tenured pastor, Rev. Dr. Lea Brown.

Secular Experience

Community Relations Director, 10,000 RV Sales, San Diego, California USA

- Piloted a corporate giving program, researched and selected non-profits to receive over \$200,000 in annual grants, while also conceptualizing media events and public relations exposure.

Executive Director, San Diego Human Dignity Foundation, California USA



- Was responsible for all aspects of management for a community foundation, including, but not limited to development of annual budget, operating plan and fundraising campaigns, donor and event management, and administration of the grant programs. Secured SDHDF's largest fund which tripled the foundation's assets to \$3.4 million. Developed new programs to address LGBT Senior issues and a Lesbian Health Fund.

Education and Training

- B.S. Religious Studies, St. James School of Theology, Tarpon Springs, Florida USA. Graduated Summa cum Laude; 4.0 GPA.
- Samaritan Institute, Texas USA. Primarily MCC related course work
- Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising, Lily School of Philanthropy, Indiana University USA

Awards and Recognition

- Visionary Award, San Diego LGBT Center, for being co-founder and visionary for LGBT Youth Transitional Housing Facility
- Champion of Pride, San Diego, California USA
- Governors Awards for Community Service, Nicky Awards, San Diego, California USA
- "Rev. Tony Freeman Day" – City of San Diego, 39th Senatorial District, and 51st Congressional District
- Founder of Operation Hope for the Hungry – to support San Diego Food Bank
- Founder of San Diego Caravan of Hope – Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort
- Member, Scholarship Review Committee for GLBT Center of Colorado
- Member, Moderators Nominating Committee, 2003-2004
- Member and Past Chair, UFMCC Strategic Growth Team
- Chair, MCC Structure Review Team
- MCC Governing Board Member, 2010 - 2013

Publications and Presentations

- Presented twenty-two (22) workshops at various General Conferences, Leadership Conferences, Regional Conferences, and Network Gatherings. Topics ranged from Team Ministry to Recruiting and Developing Leaders for Excellence in Ministry to Holistic Stewardship for the 21st Century.
- Plenary speaker on the topic of Team Ministry at the Regional Conference in Auckland, New Zealand
- Facilitated Team Training for new Regional Elders
- Conducted Team Training for MCC Staff
- Authored numerous seasonal "Reflections" as member of the Council of Elders

Languages

- English

Social Media Presence

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tony.freeman.7165>
- Twitter: Anthony Freeman @revtonyfreeman