

STEWARDSHIP 2010

*Unless God builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.*

*Unless God guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.*

*It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;*

*for God gives sleep to those God
loves.*

--Psalm 127:1-2

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MCC Hartford was founded in 1973 to provide a spiritual home for God's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning children here in Connecticut. We share with Metropolitan Community Churches around the world a "bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality."

For 36 years the prayers, presence, gifts, and service of our members and friends have supported us. God's generosity has been made real in gracious outpourings of love that fund MCC ministries and in sharing of talents, volunteer labor, gifts in kind of every kind. On our journey we have been sustained by God's providence. We have stepped out in faith again and again, trusting that God who called us out is also calling us home.

Psalm 127 reminds us that the building of a spiritual home (as of a family, a city, or a community) requires us to align our hearts, minds, lives, and works with the Spirit of God. There is amazing, wonder-working power available when we connect with the Source of all power. In God, all things are possible. Proceeding from a place of abundance rather than scarcity, with an attitude of confidence rather than anxiety, MCC Hartford continues to grow, and invites you to grow with us.

We place our trust in the Welcoming Love that showed itself in Christ, and continues to be revealed as we become truer to God by welcoming more of God's diverse creativity in each other and ourselves. Stewardship is a way in which we give ourselves to the mission and ministry to which we are called. As we have gratefully received, may we so generously, prayerfully, and joyfully give.

A PLEDGE

TO SUPPORT OUR GROWING CHURCH

Affirming our Mission Statement, *MCC Hartford exists to offer everyone the opportunity to experience the liberating love of Christ*, I/we make this faith promise to support MCC Hartford in the year 2010 with prayers, presence, gifts, and service.



To this end, and for Spiritual Growth, I/we will keep MCC Hartford in prayer:

- Daily Weekly As the Spirit moves



To this end, and for Spiritual Growth, I/we will attend worship at MCC Hartford:

- Weekly ____ Sundays per month When I can



To this end, and for Spiritual Growth, I/we will give this amount to ensure that the work of God through the ministries of MCC Hartford is carried out in 2010:

\$_____ per week or \$_____ per month or \$_____ per year



To this end, and for Spiritual Growth, I/we will give of time and talents through MCC Hartford in the following area(s):

- Choir/ Other Music Ministry (please specify) _____
- Publicity/Outreach/Evangelism
- Prayer Chain/Other Prayer Ministry
- Social Justice Ministry (please specify) _____
- Assisting in Worship (please specify) _____
- Working on Hospitality and Fellowship
- Serving on Fundraising Committee
- Representing the Church ecumenically and/or at Conference
- Other (please specify) _____

Name(s):

(Please print)

Address/telephone/email:

Signature(s):