



Rev. Dan Koeshall

Pastor Dan Koeshall currently serves as Senior Pastor at MCC San Diego, having been called in November, 2007. He has been affiliated with MCC as a minister since 1999.

Pastor Dan was born in Pipestone, MN in April 1960, and grew up in Madison, WI. He earned his BBA in Management degree in 1982 from Evangel University, Springfield, MO. Following graduation, he worked on faculty two years at Continental Theological Seminary, Brussels, Belgium. Upon his return from Europe, Dan attended Fuller Theological Seminary where, in 1986, he received his Masters Degree. In 1987 and 1988, he was an Investor Analyst for Countrywide Funding Corporation and, at the same time served as Director of Music in the Pasadena Assemblies of God Church. In 1988, Pastor Dan became a licensed minister and accepted a position as Associate Pastor/Music Director for The Neighborhood Church (Assemblies of God) in Escondido, CA. In 1991, he was ordained by Assemblies of God. He served The Neighborhood Church until 1998 when a “friend” outed him to the church leaders and he was fired. Then he did volunteer work at MCC San Diego, visited MCCs all over Southern California researching the denomination and worked at Caliber Learning Network as a facilitator in high-tech video conferencing. In 1999, Pastor Dan became the Director of Music at MCC San Diego and later Associate Pastor. He remained until being called to be the Interim Senior Pastor of Pikes Peak MCC in January, 2006.

Since becoming affiliated with the MCC denomination, Pastor Dan has served as Music Director at the 2000 Leadership Conference, Orlando FL, Music Director at the 2002 Regional Conference, Monterey, CA, Music Director at the 2003 General Conference, Dallas TX, and Music Director at the 2005 General Conference, Calgary, Ontario, Canada, and in the areas of CRI (Church Revitalization Initiative) retreat speaker, workshops, conference planning, clergy manual, clergy intensives and REVM (Readiness for Entering Vocational Ministry) faculty and interview team. Dan also sang in “Out Loud” the Gay Men’s Chorus of Colorado Springs, CO.

Since being back in San Diego Pastor Dan has (2008-Present) ...

- Been a contributor to the LGBT Weekly through his weekly “Where’s the Faith?” column
- Served on the San Diego Men’s Chorus and Gay Men’s Chorus Merger Committee
- Been on the Planning Committee for the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast since its inception
- Performed same-sex blessings at LGBT Pride in San Diego and Colorado Springs
- Led Invocations and/or participated in:
 - Mama’s Kitchen World AIDS Day Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - ICWJ (Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice)
 - Uptown Faith Community Service Center
 - Las Memorias Memorial Day community event
 - Tijuana Pride Valentine’s Day same-sex blessings
 - Prop 8 Marriage Equality campaign
- Serving on The LGBT Center’s Community Leadership Council
- Leads regular religious services to transgender inmates at George Bailey Contention Center
- Serves on Sheriff Bill Gore’s LGBT Advisory Board for San Diego County

- Serves on Mayor Faulconer's LGBT Advisory Board
- Spoke or presented at
 - SDSU Coming Out Day
 - Palomar College Coming Out Day
 - California Men's Retreat in Julian
- In the MCC denomination:
 - Served on the Network Leadership Team
 - Presented at the "Creating Safe Sanctuaries" webinar
 - Presented at the Stewardship Campaign webinar
 - Participated in MCC worldwide General Conferences in Phoenix, Acapulco & Chicago

Pastor Dan has a passion for sharing God's inclusive love, worship, and good, healthy communication between all parties who make up worship in the local church. He believes in a VIP church – one that is Vibrant, Inclusive and Progressive. He loves to travel, and his goal is to preach the Good News of God's inclusive love on every continent.