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**MCTC seeks 100 community volunteers for mass choir**

*Choir to perform as part of MCTC's "Celebrate the Dream" event on Jan. 15*

**Minneapolis, November 11, 2009**—Minneapolis Community and Technical College is seeking 100 community volunteers to serve in a mass choir that will perform at MCTC's "Celebrate the Dream" event on Friday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m. , at the Basilica of St. Mary located at 16<sup>th</sup> and Hennepin.

"Our goal is to have a 100-voice choir consisting of past and present members of vocal ensembles at MCTC, faculty, students, staff and administration who do not currently participate in any of the vocal groups as well as individuals and vocal groups from the surrounding neighborhoods," said Yolanda Williams, choir director. This choir will be accompanied by the combined MCTC Chamber and Jazz Ensembles.

The choir will perform five selections in addition to leading the entire assembly with "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." The songs to be performed are: "Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name" an A capella version; "In the Sanctuary" by Kurt Carr and "I Will Bless the Lord at all Times" by Joe Pace. The celebration will close with a lively new arrangement of "We Shall Overcome" as performed by Bishop Paul Morton.

Rehearsals will be held as follows:

- Monday, Jan. 4, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., MCTC
- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 Glenwood Avenue, Minneapolis
- Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., MCTC
- Monday, Jan, 11, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., MCTC
- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m., choral dress rehearsal, tentatively scheduled for Basilica of St. Mary.

To join the choir, please contact Yolanda Williams at [Yolanda.williams@minneapolis.edu](mailto:Yolanda.williams@minneapolis.edu), MCTC Music Department, at 612-659-6000, ext. 4442.

**About Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC)**

MCTC is the most ethnically diverse college in Minnesota. A member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, MCTC offers students more than 80 liberal arts, technical and career programs designed to prepare them for good jobs in high-demand professions. Located in the heart of downtown Minneapolis, MCTC enrolls more than 13,000 students annually and is an active partner in initiatives designed to strengthen the social, economic and cultural vitality of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

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