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**For Immediate Release: [Insert Date of Release Here]**

**Local Congregation Named  
"Pacesetter Church" by Global Leader of  
Metropolitan Community Churches' Denomination  
[Insert Name of Church Here] Receives Recognition  
During 43rd Anniversary of Denomination's Founding**

**[Insert Name of City Here]** -- A local congregation has received recognition by the international leader of the church's denomination.

The Rev. Dr. Nancy L. Wilson, moderator of the denomination of Metropolitan Community Churches, has named [Insert Name of Church Here] a "2011 MCC Pacesetter Church" for its leadership and commitment to strengthening the future of the movement's international ministry. [Insert Pastor's Name Here] is senior pastor of the local congregation.

The recognition comes as the church prepares to observe the 43rd anniversary of the founding of the denomination of Metropolitan Community Churches during October. The denomination, which began in 1968 in the Los Angeles' living room of Rev. Troy Perry, has grown into an international Christian denomination with churches and ministries in more than 25 countries.

In making the announcement, Rev. Dr. Wilson said, "I am honored to recognize the congregation of [Insert Name of Church Here] as a "2011 Pacesetter Church" within our denomination. Under the able leadership of [Insert Name of Pastor Here], this congregation offers hope-filled ministry locally and is also "setting the pace" in support of Metropolitan Community Churches' growing and emerging international ministries."

As part of MCC's anniversary observances in October, the local congregation will receive a special offering designated for the work of the denomination's International Task Force, [Insert Name of Pastor Here] noted.

[Insert Name of Church Here], which offers positive, affirming ministry to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people of faith, meets at [Insert Church Address Here] each Sunday at [Insert Worship Times Here].

For more information on [Insert Name of Church Here], visit the church's website at [Insert Web Address Here.]

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