



ADM Newsletter

Association of Disciple Musicians
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Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

As 2009 comes to a close and we're all caught up in the wonderment of the Christmas Season, your ADM Planning Council and newsletter editor send the warmest of Christmas greetings to you and the hopes that you are still finding the time (in spite of all the music and special services) to enjoy the beauty of this season and the love, hope, peace and joy that come with the celebration of our Savior's birth.

Plans for the 2010 Conference...



Plans are well underway for the 2010 ADM Conference that will be in Lexington, KY next summer at Central Christian Church from July 24 through the 28th. With the slate of clinicians including our own John Opsata and Larry Sivis in charge of Worship; Lynn Gatchell taking care of Choral Activities; Robert Hobby once again being on the Organ; and Tim Waugh returning to guide the handbell choirs, it will be another exciting and productive week for participants. There will be other very meaningful option classes from which to choose during the four days. Now's the time to make your plans to join your ADM family for the 49th conference.

Check the ADM website often for updates and registration information.

www.adm-doc.org

Educational Grants Available

The following website will give all the information for filling out an online application for an educational grant for ordained and licensed clergy who might be interested in attend the ADM Conference next summer:

http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/continuing_education/index.htm

For help contact Warren Lynn or Lonna Owens at 1-317-713-2682

ADMers, if your ministers typically don't see your ADM newsletter, please share this information with them.



ADMers attend National Music Ministry Assoc. Conference

This past summer at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Dr. Michael Kinnamon, prominent Disciple ecumenist and pastor, reminded us that we as Disciples must continue to embrace our fundamental identity as a movement for unity and wholeness. Quoting Dr. Kinnamon: "At our best, Disciples have understood that

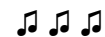
church unity is not just another programmatic emphasis, but the key to our programming. We have claimed as our distinctive purpose to make this known in the wider Church.” This was certainly in keeping with the goal of the conference that John Opsata, John Malget and Larry Sivis attended at Calvin College from October 4-7 representing ADM.

Represented also at the conference were the presidents, executive directors, and representative board members of the Association of Anglican Musicians, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians, Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, National Association of Pastoral Musicians, Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and the United Church of Christ Musicians Association.

Funding for this gathering was provided by the Calvin Institute of Worship and the Lilly Foundation, and it was an excellent opportunity to present the identity of our respective associations; to receive a presentation from John Witvliet, the Director of the Calvin Institute, on worship grants for individual congregations through the Calvin Institute and Lilly Foundation; to work on support of volunteer leadership in our respective boards; and to work on the proposed structure of the Network for the future. A key part of the meeting was to hear a report on the Network sponsored *Project Proposal on Music Ministry in U.S. Churches*. This project will be the most comprehensive study of church music, across denominational lines, ever attempted in the U.S. The Lilly Foundation has agreed to place the project in the sequence of their up-coming funding initiatives with a target of one million dollars for the total project. It will be an exciting venture for us all, as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is called upon to be full participants. Of course ADM will have a vital part in the target research, symposia, etc. for the project.

Additional side conversations with David Bone, Fellowship of United Methodists, and John Stansell, United Church of Christ Musicians Association, revealed a strong interest in the possibility of us experimenting with a joint conference with ADM in the future (regional for the Methodists and national for the UCC's). A special thanks to my colleagues John Opsata and John Malget for taking time out of their very busy schedules for the conference and providing their own transportation to and from. These are exciting times with great potential for not only a secure ADM future, but also for our ecumenical relationships.

Larry Sivis
ADM Liaison



ADM Legacies

Recently, my children's choir sang "Creation Song" by Joanne Brown (CGSA 412). Sharing and singing this delightful anthem was the culmination of an expanded unit on the wonders of God's creation. For several weeks, the children and I had a great time exploring the beauty of mystery of God's patterns for life, work and even rest. Watching the intent expressions on my young singers' faces as they sang "for God created the heavens and earth by speaking only a word, let everything that has breath, praise the Lord" was as the popular commercial says, "priceless."

As I was collecting music and related materials, I glanced at the file box for "Creation Song." At the top of the box, I noticed these words, in my handwriting, "ADM 2000-Danny Keller, Intro." Many of you will recall that our 2000 conference was held at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. It was during this particular conference that I attended Danny's options for Children's and Youth Choirs. During this option Danny employed techniques for teaching this piece along with several others. But Danny shared much more than "how-

to's." It was his joyful approach, his passionate energy, and his infusion of creativity that lifted the music off the page and into my heart.

Following the 2000 conference, I introduced "Creation Song" to my children's choir at the time and they loved it! Now, years later, my current children's choir has benefited from that ADM experience with Danny Keller. Undoubtedly, Danny's legacy of music and love live on, years after his passing, through ADM, churches, schools and other organizations. Professionally and personally, I am very grateful to both Danny Keller and ADM for providing me with such rich opportunities to learn and grow as a musician and leader.

And the legacy continues....Take a few moments to think of both the tangible and intangible ways in which our organization and members have impacted your life, your ministry. Give thanks to God! Then, share your experiences with others, make plans to attend ADM 2010, and invite others to come with you. Together, with God's help, we can help to nurture current and future Disciple musicians and clergy, just as Danny and others have done. The possibilities are endless, and our future is very, very bright!

Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

Kristi Hill

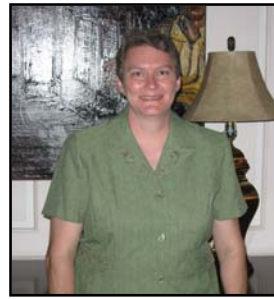


Looking back to DePauw 2009

A parade of states at DePauw.....



The Carolinas



Was Brenda the only one from Iowa??



A fine group of ADMers from Kansas, Missouri and the Kansas City area.



Those from Arkansas and Louisiana region.

Ohio was well represented.



This fine group from Oklahoma will welcome you back to the Sooner State in 2012.

Here's the group from the "Deep South."
At least Georgia & Alabama



This group of Texans and hopefully others will welcome us back in 2011 to where ADM got its start almost 50 years ago at



TCU
in Ft.
Worth



ADMers from the
state of Virginia.



Those past-presidents in attendance this year were (from left to right): Gary Meek, Connie Meek, Kim Clowe, Myra Achuff, Connie Ford, Rinda Coleman, Greg Nunn, John Malget, Nancy DeWeese, George Campbell, Larry Sivilis and Brad Burnham. Was good having the Meeks back with us for a portion of the conference.



Most conference attendees seemed to agree that the new closing worship format that included a concert component was very meaningful and a perfect ending to the conference. With wonderful music, the sharing of communion, and a spirit-filled message from Bryan Feille, our four days together came to a close with all of us on stage in the round.



Looking Ahead.....

It's not too early to begin thinking about our **50th Anniversary Celebration in 2011**. The decision has been made to return to the campus of Texas Christian University where ADM was born and first nurtured. Specific dates will be announced later in the newsletter and on our website. University Christian Church will be our host with housing possibly just across the street in a TCU dorm. The planning committee for this 50th Anniversary conference would love to hear from you, if you have suggestions of special "things" that would make this conference even more memorable. Gala Strunk is chairing that committee and would your suggestions: galas@mac.com

The **2012 Conference** has been set for a return to First Christian Church in Tulsa, OK. In spite of the heat, we had a great conference and the food was exceptional. The hotel less than two blocks from the church is being totally refurbished, and it is the hope of the planning committee that we'll be able to be that close to the church.