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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2010-2011 ADM COUNCIL PRESIDENT, GALA STRUNK



Your planning team for the 2011 ADM Conference consists of John Opsata, Greg Nunn and Gala Strunk; and they have already spent countless hours in preparation for this summer's special conference. Along with the other ADM Council members, Brad Burnham, Sheryl Lane, Ruth Moore, Rinda Coleman, Shannon Moore, Tim Williams, Susan Adams, Kay Sherrill, and Lonna Owens they have put together a conference that you will not want to miss!

Our 50th conference will be blessed by the leadership of these outstanding people:

- ♪ *Worship* – Brian Wren, noted writer and hymn-poet
- ♪ *Global Music and Hymnody* – Michael Hawn, Distinguished Professor of Church Music and Director of the Sacred Music Program at S.M.U. Perkins Seminary
- ♪ *Alternative Worship* – Suzanne Castle, Associate Minister for “The Search” and Campus Ministry at University Christian, Fort Worth
- ♪ *Handbells* – Anna Laura Page, composer and arranger
- ♪ *Organ* – John Schwandt, Professor at University of Oklahoma and director for American Organ Institute
- ♪ *Choral* – Terry Price, Director of Music at Preston Hollow Presbyterian and Interim Director of the Dallas Symphony Chorus.
- ♪ *Chapel Choir* – Kim Clowe, Chaplain at Julliette Fowler Homes, former Minister of Music at First Christian Church, Lubbock, Texas
- ♪ *Reading Sessions* – Joseph Martin, Terry Price, Tom Pearce(Morningstar), Rob Laney(small choirs) and Anna Laura Page(handbells)

- ♪ *Option* – Andra Moran, singer/songwriter: “Lessons from the Bridge: from Startup to Sunday Service:
- ♪ *Option* – Nathan Hubble, Director of Music for “The Search:” “Hands On Training to Music Teams and Leaders”
- ♪ *Option* – Jane Willmert: “Psanky Eggs”

I’m confident that all who attend will leave the conference with new ideas and music to share with their churches. The success of ADM depends on you. First, be sure and register soon to attend the conference. Then invite fellow musicians. Forward the website link to everyone musician you know, so that we can share ADM with others.

I am looking forward to seeing you this summer, July 14-18 in Fort Worth, Texas. The planning team chose the theme: “ADM: 50 years-Our Journey Continues.” Make plans to be there as we begin the next 50 years of our journey. Follow the link below for many more details.

<http://www.adm-doc.org/ConfDetails2011.html>

MEET YOUR NEW PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS.....



Susan Adams – Susan lives in her hometown of New Albany, IN, a neighbor of Louisville, KY. She shares her home with her father, Frank, who is 96 and doing very well; her nephew, Ben, also doing well; and Alex, the wonder dog who keeps everyone in line. Susan’s niece, Tricia, is an interior designer in Indianapolis. Susan has taught middle school music (43 years) which has included creating both choral and handbell programs for grades 6-8. This past year her 275 students participated in school concerts, a statewide choral festival, solo vocal/piano contest, district organization contest and the all-state Honor Choir (three students of the 120). The handbell groups perform at the school and also go out to parties,

nursing and retirement homes and other community locations where they share their music in commercial and historic settings. Susan was music director at her home church, Central Christian, in New Albany for 25 years before retiring. She is now a member of St. Marks UCC where she sings with a small *a cappella* group, substitutes in the bell and chancel choirs, and plays piano in duets with the organist. Susan has served as ADM conference chair (1989-2001) and as president in 1988. She happily returns to the Council and is a vital part of the class of 2013. She also served the general church in planning GA’s, state-wide women’s conferences and retreats, and local Disciples Women events for many years. Susan served on the 15-person committee that created The Chalice Hymnal (published 1995) and was co-editor of The Chalice Hymnal Worship Leaders Companion (1998). She traveled extensively promoting the hymnal and enjoys singing from it each Sunday in her UCC home church.



Ruth Moore – Ruth Moore is a life-long member of the Disciples of Christ Denomination. Daughter of a DOC pastor, Ruth grew up in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. She attended Phillips University graduating with a degree in Religion/Sociology in 1973. Encouraged by her mother, music has always been a passion with school and church choirs. Ruth became organist at the First Christian Church/Hobart, OK in 1995. Ruth and her husband, Craig, have three sons and five grandchildren. “ADM is an important part of my life as we gather to fellowship and learn from one another. I have been attending since 1988.”



Shannon Moore – Shannon Moore is the Minister of Worship and Faith Development at Central Christian Church in Weatherford, TX. He holds the Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Pedagogy from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC and the Master of Divinity degree from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX. A North Carolina native, Shannon has been living in Texas for ten years. He began his ministry at Central Christian Church in 2001. In addition to his work there, he is also a member of Five Smooth Stones, the house band for The Search, an emergent worship service at University Christian Church in Fort Worth. He has been playing keys and providing backing vocals in the band since

2006. Shannon practices Bikram Yoga 5-6 days a week. In September, he is planning to travel to Los Angeles to participate in a nine-week intensive training session that will culminate in his being a certified yoga instructor.



Tim Williams – Tim is currently the music minister at David’s United Church of Christ in Kettering, OH. Tim has been there for the past three years and prior to that was the music director at Central Christian in Kettering. Tim learned about ADM while at Central Christian and is so very thankful for that. He directs the adult choir comprised of about 25 singers, the adult handbell choir (5 octave), and the children’s choir. All of that keeps him very busy. Besides the church, Tim is employed as a gifted and talented teacher for students in grades 2-5. He works for the Milton-Union School District and has been there for 27 years. He has taught every grade except Kindergarten. The gifted kids are challenging

and he tries hard to keep them motivated. Tim says that it gets tough sometimes, because they are not used to having to work for their grades. All in all, it is fun for them and me. In addition, Tim has about fifteen voice and piano students he teaches afternoons and evenings. This gives him an opportunity to help kids with their musical talents. He has students ages 7 through 65 and all levels of musical ability. Tim lives in Englewood, OH with his partner, Stephen Kerr. They have been together for thirteen years, and have five lovely children – two Italian Greyhounds; two Shelties; and one calico cat.

LOOKING BACK AT LEXINGTON 2010.....

Brenda Hagedon reports that last year's Raffle earned \$615.00 for the Kentucky Appalachian Music Program. That was the second very successful raffle held during a conference. Winners were: Claire Meredith and Debbie Sivis, photographs; Judy Ritchie, prayer shawl; Kirby Gould and Tim Williams, baby quilts; Katrina Cochran, Judy Ward, Beverly Kyriakos, Kathy Johnson and Kristen Tumminello, jewelry; Joyce Phillips, American Music gift certificate; and Brian Brauchla, John Opsata, Paula Willis, John Malget and Judy Ward, Tony's cross prints.

If you have something that you'd like to donate for the 2011 raffle, please let Brenda know, hagedongbjj@gmail.com.

If you are interested in sharing a dorm room with someone at this year's conference, please email Lonna Owens and give her your name. Many are interested in keeping conference expenses as low as possible and cutting your lodging cost in half would certainly help. Lonna's email address is: lowens@dhm.disciples.org



Rumor has it that Larry Sivis actually learned to play the organ on this instrument or one just like it. Surely that has nothing to do with his age!! Maybe he'd like to teach an Organ Masters Class on that organ, if he could get it to a conference??



What a fine looking group from Missouri, Iowa, Indiana and the Kansas City area. Just proves that you can share the ADM conference experience across state lines.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE ADM WEBSITE OFTEN FOR UPDATES.

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