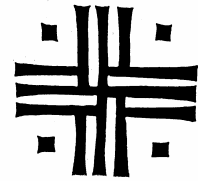




ADM Newsletter

Association of Disciple Musicians
Post-Conference Edition 2009



2009 ADM Conference

The ADM family gathered on the Campus of DePauw University on Saturday, July 25, and had a wonderful four-day conference under the leadership of President, Kristi Hill, and her fellow workshop chairs, Jim McGee and Brenda Hagedon. From worship, to bells, to organ, to chorus and a variety of other options, the 82 participants were nurtured by four exceptional clinicians and several gifted ADMers leading sessions.



Kristi Hill hands over the presidential gavel to incoming president, **Kay Sherrill**, at the closing circle.



From your Past-President...

As I sit here at my computer today, ADM 2009 is now in the history books. **We Your People, Ours the Journey**, the conference, is complete. Looking back, even just a week later, I feel so blessed to have been a part of this experience. So many moments stand out for me, particularly our closing worship service. I will not soon forget the intimacy of worshiping, singing, playing, listening, communing and praying together as ADM family. That service crystallized for me what it means to be a Disciple musician and everything that is beautiful and good about our organization. I have already shared this experience with some members of my

congregation, and I plan to share more. I encourage other members to share your memorable moments as well.

But ADM's journey continues. Our 2010 conference, **The Journey Home**, provides an exciting opportunity for us to venture further along the pathways that God has for us. Even now, with ADM 2009 just completed, we must commit ourselves to 2010 and beyond. How can we do this? First, we must lay the publicity and financial groundwork to make it possible for others to attend next year. Typically, autumn is when churches plan their upcoming budgets. Explore potential funding resources within your church and/or your region now. Write an article about ADM for your church's or region's newsletters; speak about your ADM experiences at an upcoming church service or meeting. Send articles and pictures to our newsletter editor, Brad Burnham, at bradb1007@sbcglobal.net and our ADM webmaster, Claire Meredith, at clmered@aol.com. Second, make a pledge to bring at least one other person with you to next year's conference. How did you come to attend your first ADM conference? Were you invited by a choir director, minister or a friend? Did someone assist you with funding? Could you consider doing the same for someone else? Third, commit yourself to praying for ADM. Although I've listed it last, prayer is what undergirds us spiritually as individuals and organizationally as members of this group.

The possibilities for growing ADM are out there. With God's help and guidance, together, we can make **The Journey Home** in 2010.

Kristi Hill



Kay Sherrill becomes the 2009-2010 ADM Council President. Kay is from New Braunfels, TX.

As I take the helm of our beloved ADM, I want to thank Kristi Hill and her planning team, Brenda Hagedon and Jim McGee, for doing such a fantastic job. Brian Feille, Eric Stark, Carolynne Mathis, and Carla Edwards were outstanding clinicians. The labyrinth walk after our lengthy business meeting was amazing and healing for many of us, as was the beautiful music provided by the Native American flute players.

I would like to take a brief moment to introduce myself to the ADM membership and to those who are considering joining our organization. Currently, I direct the choral music program at Judson High School in San Antonio, TX. This will be my 29th year of public school teaching, and my 12th year at Judson High School. Over the years I have worked in two churches, serving as minister of music at FCC in San Angelo and at Central Presbyterian Church in Austin.

I first attended ADM in 1990 in Albuquerque. Although I didn't stay for the full conference that year, I noticed that ADM seemed to offer something for everyone – choir directors, choral singers, ministers, and non-musicians alike. And the laughter – there was so much laughter! So many wonderful people offered the hand of friendship to me that year, and I was hooked. From that year forward I knew that ADM offered more than just a list of options in its daily schedule. Of course, there were many opportunities for study, worship and spiritual growth. But ADM offered something more – it offered a special kind of fellowship and friendship that was unique. That fellowship is the magic that draws so many of us back from year to year.

As we turn our thoughts to the future of ADM, there are many issues that your council will be dealing with – primarily the issues of financial solvency and declining attendance at our conferences. With your help we can face these issues creatively and responsibly. We are working on strategies to save money, encourage attendance, and offer a quality conference for all who attend. Most of all, we are listening to you – the ADM membership – and making a strong effort to respond to your suggestions, wishes and concerns. Please continue to share your thoughts and ideas with any council member through email, phone calls, and yes, on Facebook! Did you know that ADM has a Facebook page?

What better way to celebrate the richness of ADM than by celebrating its history? The 2010 conference at First Christian Church in Lexington, KY, will do just that. A visit to the historic Cane Ridge Church will be part of our conference offerings next summer. Our own Larry Sivis and John Opsata will serve as Worship Clinicians and we are exploring exciting options for emerging and contemporary worship services. Nationally known conductor, Lynne Gackle will serve as our choral clinician, and Tim Waugh will return as our handbell clinician. Make your plans now to attend the 2010 ADM Conference in Lexington, KY, July 24-28 and bring a friend!



Meet the new ADM leadership.....

The 2009-2010 ADM Council Officers are (left to right) Debbie Sivis, Secretary; Rinda Coleman, Treasurer; Kay Sherrill, President; and Gala Strunk, Pres-elect. These ladies and other council members are just an email away, if you need help or have suggestions.



Your ADM council working behind the scenes. Greg was demonstrating how short he was before he started coming to ADM. What an influence on his life we have been!!

This year's council members are:

- Kay Sherrill, Pres., kaysherrill@yahoo.com
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- Brad Burnham, bradb1007@sbcglobal.net
- Duncan Butler, ucanalso@aol.com
- Lonna Owens, lowens@dhm.disciples.org

Meet the New Council Members making up the class of 2012....



Rinda Coleman
from Kenner, LA

Rinda Coleman is Music Director at First Christian Church of Greater New Orleans. She is a long-time member of ADM, attending her first workshop at TCU in 1985. Rinda is a past-president and served in that capacity when the conference was at Loyola University in New Orleans.

Rinda grew up in the Southern Baptist tradition and was active in church music from an early age. She obtained a Bachelor of Music Degree in music education from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, MS and a Master of Church Music Degree from

the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a specialization in voice. It was while at NOBTS that she and her husband, David, were introduced to Disciples, and they have been Disciples ever since.

A teacher for over 30 years, Rinda has taught many different age groups and subjects. She taught music for about 20 years and is currently teaching English at the Academy of Our Lady, a Catholic girls' high school in the greater New Orleans area.

Rinda and her husband, David, who is pastor of FCC, are the parents of three daughters. By the time this newsletter comes to press, they will welcome their second granddaughter, who will join Madison, Gavin, and Coleman, as sources of pride.



Duncan Butler
from
McLeansville,
NC

Duncan Butler who currently is music instructor at the Guilford Preparatory Academy is also a busy man serving as Music Director at St. Matthews United Methodist Church and Minister of Music at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church. Duncan also owns and operates "Music By Duncan."

Duncan also stays busy with several volunteer activities including work with the McLeansville Prison, The Red Cross, Faith Action, The Urban Ministry and Cone Hospital.

Duncan received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from North Carolina Agriculture & Technology State University. He is married to Kim and is the father of three children, Donte, Candun and Cadunce.



Brad Burnham from Tulsa, OK

Brad Burnham is the College & Career Counselor at Union High School in Tulsa and is also the Chancel Choir Director at Harvard Ave. Christian Church.

Brad attended his first ADM Conference at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC while he was still organist at HACC. Brad credits his choir director and associate pastor's wife as being responsible for "getting" him to ADM. Like Kay Sherrill said, there was so much laughter and warmth among those at that conference that Brad was hooked immediately.

This is Brad's third time to serve on the Planning Council and he ended his first tenure on the council as President in 1991-92. Brad has also served as the ADM Newsletter editor for the past twelve or so years and has enjoyed being an active ADMer for 25 years.

Brad's educational endeavors include an undergraduate degree in biology, with master's degrees in school counseling and counseling psychology. Having played the piano and his church's ancient organ during high school, he continued choral studies and organ during college to satisfy his first love, music. Brad became organist at HACC in 1965 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1995. Twelve of those years were spent in a dual role as organist and choir director. For the past four years he has directed the HACC Chancel Choir and truly believes his church has the best small choir ensemble in Tulsa.

Brad and his wife, Judy, have two grown children and five adorable granddaughters.



At the close of the conference, those ADMers nominated to make up the Planning Council Class for 2013 were introduced. They are (left to right): Shannon Moore, Ruth Moore & Tim Williams



Conference Highlights...

- ❖ **Lonna Owens** reports that through the ADM GIVES BACK Option this summer, 20 Hygiene Kits and 13 School Kits were donated.
- ❖ The ADM Endowment Offering this summer netted \$887.00. WOW!!
- ❖ The ADM Raffle netted \$785.00. WOW also!!
- ❖ We ended up with 9 First-timers this summer and they were VERY involved. Here's hoping they were "bitten" this summer and will become permanent ADMers.



Banquet, Follies & State Pics....



These must have been some of Carolynne Mathis's friends she brought with her to the banquet. Can't imagine where else they could have come from????



Myra and Mark Achuff and Karen Cullen and Dan Wilshire from California



Greg Nunn and Katrina Cochran did their best to keep Follies on an "even" keel, but even

these two pros have their limitations!



These Kentuckians will tell you that it's not too early to start planning for the **2010 ADM Conference** that will be held at First Christian Church in Lexington, KY from July 24th through the 28th. A special treat will be a visit to the historic Cane Ridge church.



It appears that Kathy, Paula, Ruth & Kathy were somewhat confused (?) during their performance at the Follies. They claim to be professionals.



Illinois ADMers



Don't forget to visit the ADM Website often for updates and additional ADM information.....

www.adm-doc.org



A fine group from Indiana