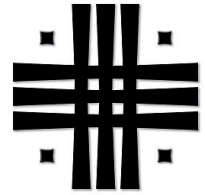




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ADM Conference 2015



The 2015 Conference Planning Team (Kirby Gould, Jim Patton and Kate Nelson) was so happy to have over a hundred eager and energetic ADMers at William Jewell this summer. With such a varied assortment of worship and music styles, everyone should have gone home with lots of new ideas to share with their congregations. Many thanks to these three for a very successful conference and all their hard work!

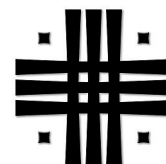
And from Kate..... "Wow, what a year! I have almost adjusted to a new life without constant questions, emails, texts, phone calls, documents, proofreading, editing, searching, researching, meeting, scheduling, re-scheduling, traveling, and tossing and turning every night (deep breath here), but I have to say I miss the creative genius of Jim Patton and the tireless, never-ending miracle workings of Kirby Gould - the two best warm-hearted people a person could ask for to complete our 2015 Conference "trinity," as Kirby called us. Somehow, with the willing help of the entire Council, we pulled it all together, and another ADM Conference is in the books. Looking back, it was incredible to be able to sit down and talk with and be guided by Mike Graves, magnificent to be on the receiving end of input from Mark Hayes, unbelievable to witness the talent and generosity shared by Jan Kraybill, and exciting to be blown away by the suggestions that Suanne Comfort and Jeff Hon brought to the table. Then to chance on the surprising bonus of the beautiful gifts of Tim Whitmer, Grace Cox-Johnson, and Terrell McTyer

– again, wow! And, the many selfless option leaders who stepped forward - jeppers! But I have yet to mention the most important people: you, the ADM family. Without you, the conference would have been just another week-long workshop: a week away from family and pressing schedules, a few new ideas, tools and materials to add to the pile of information and talents already possessed. The total effectiveness of even these impressive clinicians would not have been as great. With you, it was a spirit-filled family reunion style of church camp for church musicians and ministers. We came home, as we usually do, not only with really wholesome food for thought, renewed energy, and a recharge of purpose, but also with a deeper understanding of why we do what we do, who we are as individuals and as a whole - not only in the eyes of others, but in the eyes of God. Wow!"



Kate, out-going president, passes the gavel to the 2015-2016 Council President, Jeanette Showalter.

Jeanette is the Director of Music Ministries at First Christian Church, Wichita Falls, TX and one of the four 2016 Planning Team Members.



ADM Leadership



The 2015-16 Planning Council is made up of the following pictured above and below: **The 2016 Team** – Jacob Miller, Alice Chaney(secretary), Jeanette Showalter(president), and Beth Miller(treasurer).



The 2017 Team – Jeff Myrmo, Dana Lobaugh, and Suzanne Hatcher



The 2018 Team – Patty Jennings, Susan Cusenbary, and Jane Wilmert



A Word from your President.....

“As the incoming president of ADM, I am honored and humbled, and a little scared. I first came to ADM in 1996 in Tulsa. Some of you may

remember it as the conference year of the tornado. I came with Susan Cusenbary, her sister and brother-in-law, Candy and Steve Tucker, and their daughter, Rachel. It was a fun, rewarding, and inspiring conference. At that time I was serving a United Methodist church, but in 2007, I came to First Christian Church in Wichita Falls, a church that Brent Stratten served for many years and one that Larry Sivis also served. The rich history of the music ministry of this church with its wonderful programs and outstanding music ministers was woven into the entire fabric of the congregation. What a great congregation to lead in music, and I was honored and humbled and a little scared then, too. I started coming to ADM every year, and what a difference that has made!

The theme for our conference in 2016 is “Weave Us Together.” Looking back on my years in music ministry, I can see this theme reflected in the various denominations and churches that I’ve served, in the people who I’ve served with and served, and in the changing styles of music. Not everything has been easy, but with a little perspective, I can see the patterns and combinations of all of these experiences that make up the tapestry that is my life. I’m sure you have seen changes in your ministry, but when you reflect on your life, you can see how all of those changes eventually weave together into one.

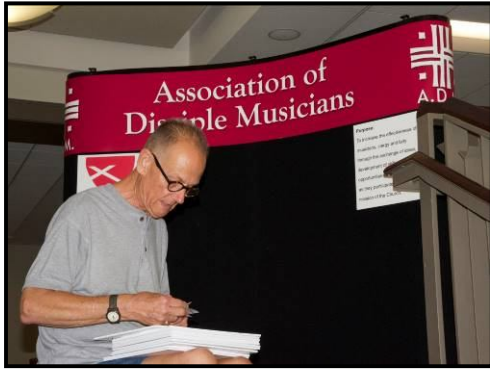
I would ask that you reflect in the coming months on the weaving of your life. You might be inspired by the hymn “Weave” by Rosemary Crow found in the Chalice Hymnal. The three verses are omitted, but can be found online. The verses are:
We are many textures; we are many colors, each one different from another. But we are entwined with one another in one great tapestry.
We are different instruments playing our own melodies, each one tuning to a different key. But we are all playing in harmony in one great symphony.
Moments ago we did not know our unity, only diversity. Now the Christ in me greets the Christ in thee in one great family.

What great imagery for our lives and for our relationships with others. Let us prepare ourselves to greet the Christ in each other and join together again as our ADM family. We have a great team of people working to make this an outstanding conference. See you in Evansville July 17-22, 2016!”

Jeanette

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A Look Back to William Jewell



Wasn't easy, but we finally got the ADM Display put together. May have to write some directions for the next novices!!!!



A good group from Missouri (except for Katrina) helped welcome us to Liberty and William Jewell.



Thanks to Warren and Louise for their help and diligence through all of registration.



Beautiful designs enhanced the Gano Chapel stage and each of our daily worship services. Many thanks to Grace Cox-Johnson for her talent and "Arts In Worship" leadership.



This is only about half of the very enthusiastic, energetic "first-timers" this year. So hope they enjoyed their time at WJ and will return next summer.



Bought back by popular demand, the Members Recital this year was outstanding, to say the least! From the enthusiastic responses, it appears that this evening event will be repeated next summer. If you're planning to be at Evansville University, give thought to sharing your talent.

It's not too early to start planning for next summer's conference. Watch for complete details at www.adm-doc.org

