



ADM NEWSLETTER  
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## A Great Presence at the General Assembly!



By the number of people who stopped at the ADM booth to ask questions, pick up brochures, and leave their names and contact information, it was very evident that our presence at GA and in the exhibit hall was well received and a tremendous benefit for ADM.



The 2018 team, Jane Willmert, Patty Jennings, and Susan Cusenbary, on hand to talk about next summer's conference at OCU.



Dana Lobaugh, 2016-17, Council President presiding over the ADM luncheon at Central Christian Church in Indianapolis.

## A Message from Your New President



**Greetings!** Many thanks to ADM and the Council for giving me the opportunity and honor to serve this organization as President. I have set my goals and objectives for the upcoming year would like to share them with you.

My first goal is to **help increase ADM membership.** We have a lot to offer, but many Disciples and others don't know about us. We had a large group of General Assembly attendees stop by our booth, pick up brochures and leave their names and contact information. Brad Burnham has worked tirelessly on that list and has already sent an informational flier to each person. I urge all of you to become very proactive in helping recruit new members and bringing those who have strayed back into the fold. To help us meet that goal, I will be appointing a Membership Committee to identify and coordinate an ongoing plan of action.

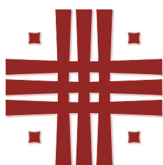
My second goal is to **create and sustain good records for incoming council members and officers.** Council members have a compelling responsibility to "pass on" good records to their successors, and there are many experienced past council members who are happy to share their knowledge. I plan to organize a system of record keeping that can easily be handed down as new council members begin their tenure. This action will benefit ALL of us with the council being better informed and better equipped with the necessary tools to perform their duties.

My third goal is to **invite every council member to assume a leadership role by chairing a committee and assuming a more active role on the council.** Council members are charged with the task of planning and administering the program of the association. By becoming more actively involved during the months between conferences, their talents can best be utilized.

My fourth goal is to **review our bylaws and handbook** and with the help of the council, see if there are any updates or improvements that can be brought before our membership for consideration.

Your 2018 Planning Team has a terrific conference in the planning stages for July 15 – 20 on the campus of Oklahoma City University. We encourage you to make plans now to be with your ADM family for our next gathering. We have a very proactive council in place. With diligence and effort, we can grow our membership and become an even stronger presence in the Church. Stay tuned! It looks like a busy, yet rewarding year for ADM!

Patty Jennings



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Every effort will be made to keep you informed on issues that affect the association during the year and plans and details about our next conference. Updates are regularly posted on our website, [www.adm-doc.org](http://www.adm-doc.org), and through our Facebook page, ADM-Association of Disciple Musicians. Always remember to share any newsletters, fliers or other email items with anyone in your church or other congregations who would benefit from membership in

Dear ADM members and friends:

It was a joy to see all the pieces come together at the General Assembly. Thank you to all the council members and friends who pitched in to make our ADM contributions to the assembly fruitful and memorable. I share my enormous appreciation for the team who helped plan our ADM participation, especially Suzanne Hatcher, Claire Meredith, Lisa Cripe, John Malget, and Brad Burnham. A huge “thank you” goes to the musicians who helped lead our two sessions of pre-worship music—Herb Buffington, Ed Varnum, Jen Midkiff, Nathaniel Cook and Sheryl Lane. “Thank You!” to our outstanding clinicians who led or assisted with our morning workshop sessions – the amazing Marcia McFee, Betty Sivis, Larry Sivis, Jeffrey Goodspeed, Alin Cass, Herb Buffington, Carol Joy Wilson, Andy Mangum, Nathaniel Cook, Sheryl Lane, Lisa Cripe and Danielle Hartman. And a giant “thank you” to Brad Burnham for being our ambassador extraordinaire. For those of you who helped carry supplies, greet participants, represent us at the booth, set up, clean up, and support our efforts, know that you are ALL appreciated! One final “thank you” goes to our amazing workers in the DOC office in Indianapolis – Warren Lynn, Brenda Tyler, and all the GA and GMP staff, I commend you for the constant and patient help you provided.



Thank you all for allowing me to serve as president of ADM this past year. It was a challenge, but, with huge amounts of help, I learned and grew and am humbly pleased to see the results of our ADM experience at the GA. We met and visited with hundreds of new people, many who had no idea that the Disciples had an organization like ADM. Our circle has widened, and ADM will now be able to reach more people and more churches with our purpose of enriching the ministries of clergy, worship leaders, musicians, and laypeople. I look forward to learning and growing with you in the years to come!

May you and your ministries continue to be blessed,

Dana Lobaugh

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## Renewing Your Membership

Since we didn't have a 2017 conference, no registration fees to pay or a reminder about annual dues, \$25.00, please update your membership by going to our website, [www.adm-doc.org](http://www.adm-doc.org), clicking on “Join ADM,” and paying with your card. There are also directions on where to mail your dues, if you prefer paying by check. Brenda Tyler in the DHM Office can also be of help – [btyler@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:btyler@dhm.disciples.org).