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Now's the time to mark your calendar and make plans to join your ADM family in Oklahoma City next summer for the 56th gathering of our association. The 2018 Planning Team of Patty Jennings, Susan Cusenbary, and Jane Willmert have pulled together an outstanding group of clinicians and are making plans for an excellent array of options to provide a week for learning and sharing in typical ADM fashion. Specific conference details will be forthcoming in additional newsletters and at the ADM Website, www.adm-doc.org.

Meet the Newest ADM Planning Council Member:



Claire Meredith, Wichita, KS, was asked to join the 2019 Planning Team to fill the vacancy created by Kyle Blackburn's resignation. Claire and her husband, Ross attend and volunteer with Riverside Christian Church in Wichita. Claire volunteers with the Kansas Food Bank, tutors at Riverside Elementary School, and sings with the Wichita Choral Society. She and her husband are involved in outreach projects at the church as well as being members of the technology team. Claire is on the Phillips Theological Seminary and Oklahoma Disciples Foundation Trustee Boards. In addition to volunteering, Claire and Ross love to travel to Europe and the Caribbean. Their daughter, Ashley, lives in Kansas City and their son, Ryan, his wife, and four children live in Joplin, MO. This is Claire's second term to serve on the ADM Council, and she is the ADM webmaster.

Renew Your Membership

Your membership in and support of ADM is vitally important to the success and continued strength of the organization. If you haven't paid the \$25.00 for a 2017-2018 membership, please go to www.adm-doc.org and follow the directions on the homepage.

Your 2020 Planning Team:



Katrina Cochran, Hideaway, TX, has been a faithful member, supporter, and conference option leader of ADM for many years. She was the conference chair at OCU in 2002 and the local arrangements liaison for the first conference at OCU in 1988. Katrina and her team mates bring a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and knowledge as their planning begins for 2020.

Katrina's educational background is second to none! She holds degrees from the Univ. of Missouri, OK Central St. Univ., Univ. of Oklahoma, and OK State Univ. Her two PhDs are in Adult and Community Ed. and Counseling Psychology. On numerous occasions, Katrina has brought her vast knowledge, expertise, and experience to conferences and has lead options on topics that many attendees have found so beneficial for the work they do at home both professionally and in their own churches. Katrina's options are always a big "draw" whatever the topic!

Katrina is widely published with a number of magazine and journal articles as well as her own workbooks, guides, journals, and books that cover an array of topics related to her educational and professional experiences. It's easy to see that Katrina has a wealth of knowledge and experience that she certainly doesn't mind sharing. And, she can also sing!!!



Randy Frieling, Indianapolis, IN, has served on the ADM Council more than once and has shared his exceptional talents in many ways, such as being conference chair, option leader, and accompanist. Randy has performed throughout North America and Europe as a soloist, accompanist, and duo pianist. He has taught at universities, summer schools, and conventions in many places in the U.S. Randy has served as the accompanist for the summer program of the American Boy Choir and on three occasions, was the accompanist for the National Youth Choir at Carnegie Hall. Randy has made concerto appearances with many Midwest Symphony Orchestras, has performed on PBS televised broadcasts, and was featured by Indiana Public Radio on *Backstage Indiana*.

Randy currently combines a recital and teaching career with being Music Director and Organist at Central Christian Church.



Larry Sivils, Ashland, KY, is also a returnee to the ADM Council. Larry has served as council president twice, co-worship clinician in 2010, as an option leader, and a long-time advocate and supporter of ADM.

Since 2007 Larry has served as the Associate Minister and Minister of Worship at First Christian Church, Ashland, KY. In that capacity he combines pastoral associate responsibilities with the roles of organist and choral/handbell director.

Larry is a graduate of the University of KY with undergraduate and graduate degrees in organ and is a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary. Through his career he has serviced Disciples congregations in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas and Ohio.

Larry's ministry in the larger church in addition to his service to ADM, has been serving on the Chalice Hymnal Developmental Committee, chair of the Christian Church in KY – West Area, and on the KY Regional Board. He has held offices in local AGO chapters, taught in the KY Commissioned Ministers' School, was organist for Regional Assemblies in VA, TN, KY and TX, and served as organist for the General Assembly in 2015.

Larry's wife, Debbie, a past ADM council member, is the director of Ashland's Shelter of Hope, and their daughter, Betty Jean, is pastor of Century Christian Church, Owensboro, KY.

Nominees for the 2021 Planning Team:

At the conclusion of the General Assembly and with a new Council President, Patty Jennings, in place, Patty made the decision while following the ADM Bylaws to have a nominating committee formed to conduct an online search for qualified ADMers to fill the three positions for a 2021 Planning Team. The committee was comprised of Susan Cusenbary, chair, Lisa Cripe, Jeanette Showalter, Jacob Miller, and Myra Achuff. Typically this procedure is conducted during the annual conference, but without an official gathering this summer, Patty and the committee handled it appropriately and efficiently. Those agreeing to serve and be placed in nomination are **Alin Cass, Sara Collins, and Ed Varnum.**

Resource Center

In an attempt to keep you informed of events and resources outside ADM that might be of interest and help to our membership, items will be posted in this newly created "Resource Center" in future newsletters. The ADM website already contains an extensive list of Music Resources, so there might be some duplication. If you know of something that should be included, please send it to Brad at bradb1007@gmail.com or Claire at clmered@aol.com.

- A comprehensive index of hymns and hymnals can be found at <https://hymnary.org>.
- Handbell ringers and directors may find helpful information through the link, <http://handbellmusicians.org/events-networking/events/>, to the Handbell Musicians of America.
- ADMer, David Edwards, is a prolific writer/composer and whose creations are so helpful to anyone involved with church music and worship planning. Visit his website, <http://davidledwardsmusic.com/>, learn more about David, get in touch with him, and become acquainted with his talent and his inexhaustible amount of resources.
- If you were not at GA this summer and didn't have the opportunity to meet and participate in Marcia McFee's worship sessions, you missed something special. As one of its assembly offerings, ADM contracted with Marcia to conduct several sessions on Worship Design. To learn more about Marcia, visit her Worship Design Studio website at www.marciamcfee.com.