



ASSOCIATION OF DISCIPLE MUSICIANS

NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2020

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

Dear ADM Family:

If it wasn't for the COVID-19 virus, we'd be together right now at The University of Tulsa making beautiful music, renewing friendships, and learning from some great clinicians. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this year's event to protect our membership and keep everyone safe.

So, I'm sending out this letter to offer words of encouragement and hope. First, do what you can to stay connected with each other until we can gather again in person. Second, check out the ADM Facebook page and post music and worship ideas, funny jokes (we need humor at this time), or anything that you find interesting, spiritual, or educational.

Every Sunday afternoon, Bill Fromm and Christine Lapka host an ADM Zoom meeting to give anyone interested a chance to see each other's faces and reconnect for a while. You too can connect with the meeting at: <https://ucf.zoom.us/j/95665203852> and contact Bill or Christine at: cm-lapka@wiu.edu.

Now for a word of Hope! Let's look forward to next year's Conference which will be on the campus of The University of Tulsa from Monday afternoon, June 21, through noon Saturday, June 26. These dates were selected to coordinate with summer dorm and food service availability. And, it's always possible for the weather to be a tad bit cooler in Oklahoma during June than in July. The Monday through Saturday noon time frame also allows us to enjoy our Sundays before and after the Conference at home with family, friends, and church responsibilities.

Our clinicians for next year include David Cherwien, Organ; Andra Moran, Emerging Worship; Nancy Krause, Handbells; Suzanne Castle, Worship; Joel Raney, Choral with Alin Cass as Chapel Choir Director and Sara Collins as accompanist. As a repeat, David will design and play our opening Worship Service/Hymn Festival.

Next year's Conference theme is "Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here." Our daily worship services will follow the themes of Wind, Water, Fire, and Dove. The Planning team consists of Alin Cass, Sara Collins, Ed Varney, and me with Alin already having been super creative in

developing the themes for each service.

Let's keep our focus on staying safe and well, continuing to make music, worshipping our God, and thinking about each other until this pandemic is put under control and it's safe for us to meet again next year in Tulsa.

God Bless you! Love to you! Prayers for you!

Katrina Cochran, Council President, 2021



ADM News Items

ADMer, Dr. Joel Plaag, choir director and Director of Traditional worship at Cypress Creek Christian Church in Spring, TX, announces the publication of his new book, "I'm A Choir Director." Written for the non-professional choir director, the book explores the many challenges that a director may encounter from planning the room, directing techniques, planning rehearsals, and keeping volunteer singers eagerly engaged. More information about Joel and where to purchase his book is on his website, www.joelplaag.cc.

ADM Council President, Dr. Randy Frieling, encourages any ADMer who is interested in becoming more involved with the association by serving on the Council (Planning Team for 2024) to contact one of the Nomination Committee members as soon as possible. Ready to hear from you are Bill Froom, billfroom@gmail.com; DeeDee Gain, deedee.gain@gmail.com; Claire Meredith, clmered@aol.com; and Katrina Cochran, katrina.cochran@gmail.com. The application form can be found at: https://www.adm-doc.org/images/council_resources/nomination_profile.pdf.

Since we are not gathering this summer with opportunities during each of the daily worship services to have special offerings for our **ADM Funds**, please read the flier on the next page and give thought to donating to one or more of the funds either online or by mailing in your checks.

Please remember that ADM can always use your support whether you attend a summer conference or not by renewing or re-establishing your membership. Annual dues are still just \$25.00, and it's so easy to pay by going to the ADM website, www.adm-doc.org, clicking on "Join ADM," and following the directions. Please pay your 2020-2021 dues now to remain active and support ADM.

Updates are posted on our website, so check it often! www.adm-doc.org

Your Newsletter Editor, Brad Burnham, welcomes news items that would be of interest and help to the musicians, ministers, lay-persons, and anyone else in our email distribution lists. And, you are always encouraged to share what you receive with those you know in other churches or denominations. Brad's email address is bradb1007@gmail.com.

If you are active with Facebook, you are encouraged to join the ADM Group. Search for **ADM-Association of Disciple Musicians** and request to join the group. You'll be connected to other members all year round and can ask questions and share neat tips and tricks. It's just another way to stay connected with your ADM Family!



Tom Wood



Vera Enz

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR ADM 2020

ADM ENDOWMENT FUND

Current value \$57,607

Generates around \$2,000 a year to underwrite the conference

TOM WOOD ADM WORSHIP CLINICIAN FUND

Current value \$43,659

Pays out \$1,500 a year to help underwrite the cost of the worship clinician

ADM MUSICIANS CLINICIAN FUND

Current value \$20,616

Established in 2013, this fund will help underwrite the cost of all clinicians when the fund reaches \$40,000

To make an online contribution to these funds, go to www.christianchurchfoundation.org, click on Give, and Donate Now.

VERA ENZ FIRST TIMERS FUND

Current value app. \$25,000

Provides scholarship for first-time attendees and smaller grants to second-timers

To make an online contribution to the Vera Enz fund, go to www.discipleshomemissions.org, Click Donate, Choose an Option and look for ADM Vera Enz Fund.

Checks for all four funds can be mailed to Lonna Owens, Disciples Home Missions, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206