



ASSOCIATION OF DISCIPLE MUSICIANS

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### *In Memoriam*



**Thomas Wood**

**The Reverend Doctor Thomas Eugene Wood passed away on December 12, 2017. Born in Charleston, West Virginia, to Eugene and Irene Wood, he was a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Phillips University, his master's degree from the Iliff School of Theology, and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Phillips Theological Seminary.**

**Tom proudly served in the U.S. Army in World War II and in Korea, and remained in the Army Reserves until he retired as a Chaplain Colonel. An ordained Disciples of Christ minister, he served churches in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado before going to Indianapolis to join the denomination's national staff where he served thirty years before retiring in 1991 as Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of the Division of Homeland Ministries.**

**Tom was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Peggy Irene. He is survived by five daughters, Anita Kay (Steve) Schrader, Deborah Jean (Kerry) Wiggerly, Mary Beth (Willie) Storie, Kathryn Suzette Wood, and Sherri Lynne (Chris) Emmons; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.**

**A memorial service was held at Eastgate Christian Church on December 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. The family expressed special thanks and gratitude to the kind and caring staff of Clare Bridge at Robin Run Village and St. Vincent Hospice.**

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## **Remembering Tom**

For those of you who were fortunate to have known Tom and shared the love of ADM with him, you know only too well how he treasured his mentoring of our organization through his service as our DHM Liaison. There was nothing Tom wouldn't do for ADM as evidenced by the immeasurable time, effort, and energy he dedicated to all aspects of the mission of our organization. As anyone who was an ADMer, council member, officer, or conference chairperson during Tom's tenure as our liaison can tell you, Tom WAS ADM, and we all benefitted from his undying guidance, expertise, and love.

**From Larry Sivis.....**

When I think of Tom, I think of one of the greatest denominational leaders the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been privileged to have. Throughout his ministry he left a profound mark on the church, especially through his executive leadership of the then Division of Homeland Ministries of our church.

For many of us though, it was his many years of dedicated leadership, nurture and love of the Association of Disciple Musicians that stands out. I remember so well the warm welcome I received the first conference (then workshop) I attended, from Tom and his longtime dear assistant, Carol Shimer. They were such a vital force in ADM, as I learned in my first term on the ADM planning council. When I served as treasurer, Tom was so helpful in explaining the organization of ADM's finances and how everything worked. I can still picture him and Carol right there in the daily council meetings helping with our work, steering us clear of pitfalls with his vast experience and calling us to accountability when we strayed. If ADM ever had a "father figure" in those days, it was Tom Wood.

I will never forget March of 1991 when I was serving my first term as president of ADM, receiving a call from Tom. I thought initially that it probably had something to do with our upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary workshop in Greencastle, IN, but to my amazement, he was calling to ask if I would serve on the reorganized Hymnal Development Committee that was tasked with preparing what was to become the *Chalice Hymnal*. He was asking if I would be a part of the committee as one of the representatives from ADM. What a privilege to have been a part of such an influential project in our church's worship life@

It was also that year that Tom and Carol were entering into retirement from the Division of Homeland Ministries. I was privileged to be a part of the planning of ADM's recognition for their service, as ADM commissioned the chalices and bread plates and established the Tom Wood Endowment Fund for Worship in his honor.

Words cannot begin to fully express the profound debt that ADM owes Tom Wood today for the leadership, grace, and love he gave to the church's music and worship life. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

**From Susan Adams.....**

Tom Wood was really the impetus behind the Chalice Hymnal! I can't tell you how many phone calls we had after the ADM resolution in 1986 regarding a new hymnal. I had no idea how to get from that point to a General Assembly motion, commentary, and vote (in 1987) and then to the formation of the first committee, meetings, difficulties, and then on to the second committee. Tom was there with suggestions, people to call, and subsequent assistance as the project seemed to falter before it finally took off.

Although he retired and stepped back during the last years of the hymnal's creation, Tom was always interested in the process and was supportive until first publication in 1995.

Tom could easily be considered the "grandfather" of the hymnal as he proceeded with it as he did with ADM in general, quietly, steadily, and with sincere love for the final product. Our greatest tribute is to continue to find quality ministers like Tom to lead us in worship and inspire us with ways to reach our people through our music ministries. Thank you, Tom, for all you did for ADM!

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## **Organ Position Available**

First Christian Church, Des Moines, IA, is searching for a new organist. If you are either moving to the Des Moines area or already live close by and are looking for such a position, get in touch with Stacie Hukill, Administrative Support Specialist, at First Christian Church, 2500 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50311. Her phone is 515-255-2181 and email address is [shukill@fccdm.org](mailto:shukill@fccdm.org).



If anyone knows of music positions that are available, your ADM Newsletter Editor will gladly announce them in future editions. Just email Brad Burnham at [bradb1007@gmail.com](mailto:bradb1007@gmail.com) and give him the information.

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**Your 2018 Conference Team made your plans to be with the Oklahoma City University in July. The conference will start with registration on Sunday and conclude on Friday noon. The following pages provide conference costs and registration information\*. Additional conference details will follow in the next newsletter and can be found at the ADM Website, [www.adm-doc.org](http://www.adm-doc.org).**

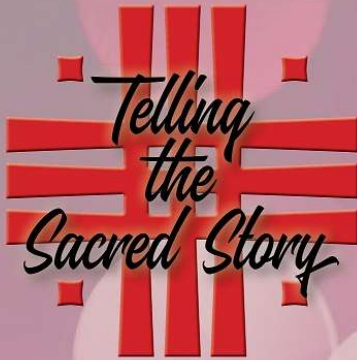
\*Registering by mail with a check is a savings to ADM!



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*Full Conference* (6 days)

**Registration**

- Individual \$230 \_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse/Partner \$200 \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus Fees, All Meals and Housing**  
(check one of three options-Required)

- Off-Campus Commuter—no housing \$180 \_\_\_\_\_
- On-Campus Dorm—double occupancy includes linens, towels and pillow \$270 \_\_\_\_\_
- Roommate request \_\_\_\_\_
- On-Campus Dorm—single occupancy (limited availability) includes linens, towels and pillow \$300 \_\_\_\_\_

*Partial Conference*

**Daily Commuter Fee**

- Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday \$65 \_\_\_\_\_
- Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday \$85 \_\_\_\_\_

*All Registrants*

- ADM Membership (June 2018–June 2019) \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- Late Registration (after June 15th) \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

*Scholarship Opportunity*

\_\_\_\_ If this is your first ADM Workshop and you are registering for the full conference, you may apply for the Vera Enz First-Timer's Scholarship of \$50 per individual or \$75 per couple. The scholarship will be presented at the closing service on Sunday.

\_\_\_\_ If you are a "second-timer" and attended a past conference you are eligible for a \$25 scholarship which will be presented at the closing service on Sunday.

*Music Packets*

Please indicate the music packets you will want to **purchase** on-site:

- ADM Chorus
- Chapel Choir (daily worship choir; full week participation is not mandatory)
- Advanced Handbells (**daily attendance required to prepare for the final concert**)
- Beginning Handbells

Please indicate which packets you want to receive free on-site:

- Handbell reading packet
- Choral reading packets

*Registration Total* \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form with check, money order, or credit card information to:  
Disciples Home Missions, Brenda Tyler, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or register online at [www.adm-doc.org](http://www.adm-doc.org)