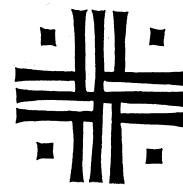




# ADM Newsletter

Post-Conference

August, 2014



***Your input and opinions are invaluable!***

After lengthy discussion, the ADM Planning Council decided it was way past time to conduct a survey of past, current and new ADM members to find out if the music/worship learning needs of our membership are being met by our conference offerings. At the conclusion of each summer conference, attendees are urged to complete a conference evaluation form, and the information gathered, though limited, is examined by the past and future planning teams. As the teams for conferences in 2015, 2016, 2017 and beyond, secure clinicians, option leaders and other program components, they want to make sure your needs will be met.

Please take the time to open the link to the survey, respond to each item, and then submit your completed survey. Even if you haven't attended an ADM conference for a few years, your responses and comments will be very helpful.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014ADM>

The ADM Planning Council thanks you for taking the time to respond.

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## ***A Message from your Council President.....***



My warmest greetings go out to all of you for the first time as President of ADM! I am still walking on clouds from the 2014 Conference in Decatur, IL, and hope the same spirit of joy is with all of you. Every time I think of that week, I am suddenly on top of the Thomas Rees Carillon looking out

over the tree-covered prairie to the downtown Springfield buildings in the near distance one way and the far distant grain elevators in the other direction, looking down to find tiny figures I can barely pick out as ADM family and friends, taking in the beautiful sky in gorgeous weather and listening to the bells ring out below me. That feeling wraps up the week for me, perfectly. Beautiful facilities (overriding the bumpy experience in the dorms), outstanding, warm and caring clinicians and class leaders, terrific program team, great food, beautiful music, holiness in worship, and strengthening bonds of this unique family which is ADM. Sigh.....But now

let's turn our thoughts to JUNE 23-28, 2015. Kansas City, here we come!

The 2015 planning team has been working since last July on shaping next year's conference at William Jewell College, and now we have the power and talent of the rest of the ADM Council helping us complete the task. The clinicians are all excited to be with us next year: Mike Graves of St. Paul School of Theology (worship seminars and preaching), Mark Hayes, composer (ADM Chorus and a variety of clinics), Jan Kraybill, organ conservator of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts and organist for the Community of Christ Temple (organ performance and clinics), Suanne Comfort from Raytown Christian Church (handbells), Jeff Hon from New Song Christian Church (creative worship service and seminars), and Tim Whitmer from Community Christian Church (jazz worship service and seminars). We are still working on scheduling and options, as well as nailing down details about such things as housing options, travel and fees. We will get those details up on the ADM website as soon as possible. In the meantime, watch the silly teaser video on the website. This will give you a clue as to how much fun we're having pulling this together for you.

While no one conference can be everything for everyone, we are still listening and striving to put together a conference that will have great substance for all of us who strive with passion to prepare music and worship with integrity and holiness no matter what the style. Mark your calendars NOW for JUNE (not July) 23-28 and spread the word!

Kate Nelson



Your 2015 Planning Team hard at work –  
Jim, Kate and Kirby

## *Looking back to Decatur.....*



Dale Rogers, Dee Dee Gain, Joyce Phillips and Rob Laney made up the 2014 Conference Planning Team. Many thanks to them for such a memorable conference and all their efforts under the guidance of Dale.



Your 2014-2015 Planning Council officers: Dee Dee Gain, Past President, Kate Nelson, President, Jeanette Showalter, President-Elect, Alice Cheney, Secretary, and Kirby Gould, Treasurer



Those from Illinois welcomed us to the Land of Lincoln with a great conference at Central Christian in Decatur, and a wonderful worship experience at Westminster Presbyterian Church, an afternoon visiting the Lincoln sites and a glorious carillon experience at Washington Park all in Springfield.





Once again we were royally entertained at the Follies by this year's group of first-timers. Surely they'll bring that talent and energy back to next year's conference.



They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, but this picture defies all explanations. You'll have to ask Ruth and Jacob why their hands were NOT on top of their heads like Herb and Randy. It must have been "greed."



What a treat to have the Little People with us this year. Their

Follies acts are always so inspirational!!



We were all blown away by Herb and Randy's piano/organ concert! It just doesn't get any better than

the talent they possess.

## Meet Your New Council Members....



Suzanne Hatcher is one of the three new council members that make up the class of 2017. Suzanne is Director of Worship at Raymore Christian Church (DoC) in Raymore, MO,

where she plans and oversees the Music Ministry, traditional and contemporary worship services; audio-visual needs church-wide, and she crafts special worship experiences. She has degrees from California State University, Stanislaus and Rice University, and is "ABD" on her DMA in Choral Conducting and Vocal Pedagogy from the University of Miami. Suzanne is a preacher's kid, growing up Southern Baptist, but she has served churches in almost a dozen denominations. An active performer, Suzanne has an extensive resumé that includes being a choral artist and arranger on two Grammy-nominated albums and a soloist under the baton of Michael Gilson Thomas. When not working in ministry or otherwise making music, Suzanne teaches group adult fitness classes part-time, spends time with her fur babies Simon and Delilah, or she can be found nose-deep in a good book (usually poolside, weather permitting).



*Stay tuned for more information about this year's conference, the two additional 2017 Planning Team members, details about next year's conference at William Jewell College, and the information obtained from the ADM survey. In the meantime, please take the time to open the survey and share your thoughts, opinions and suggestions with the Planning Council.*