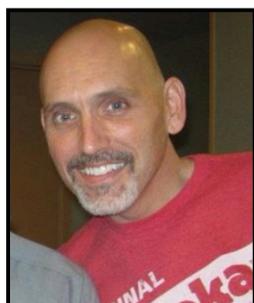
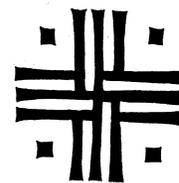




# ADM Newsletter

Post-Conference  
Fall, 2013



**H**ello everyone!

**I** want to thank everyone who attended ADM's 52<sup>nd</sup> annual conference in Ft. Wayne this year. It will probably go down as one of the coolest conferences in our history – in more ways than one! Temperatures were mild (lows in the 50's and highs in the 70's), and we had a variety of experiences not seen at ADM before.

As we Explored the Line Between Church and Culture, all of us were encouraged to look at our preconceived notions of what worship means, how the secular can become sacred, and how “church” music can indeed be blended together (and done well). I appreciate your willingness to explore these boundaries this year. Your evaluation forms indicated that you enjoyed taking this journey!

It was an absolute pleasure to serve as your council president last year. With the help of the 2013 Planning Team and the entire ADM Council, everyone worked to ensure you had another great ADM experience.

As we look to the future, I want to let you know that your Council approved the forming of a two-year ad hoc committee that will explore the future of ADM as we grow into being church and church workers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I will serve as chairperson working with John Malget, Dana Lobaugh, Larry Sivis and Gala Strunk. Our goal is to reach out to each of you in the coming year to find out about your expectations and needs while we face the realities and

challenges of being people of God in an ever-changing world.

Take care of yourselves, and I look forward to seeing you next year when we meet in Decatur, IL.

Peace,  
Shannon



## *Meet your new council members*



**Alice Cheney**

**A**lice is organist and Director of Children's Ministry at First Christian Church, Madisonville, KY. She graduated cum laude from the University of Kentucky School of Music with a B.M. in piano performance. She studied piano with James Bonn and organ with Arnold Blackburn. She was organist at First Presbyterian Church, Madisonville for twenty-one years, before returning as organist at FCC in 1998, her childhood church home. Among her Young Disciples' programs, she directs the Kid's Choir and in the spring 2013 started Church Mice from the littlest disciples. She is also a graduate of the Western Kentucky Bank Management School, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY,

and LSU's Graduate Banking School of the South, Baton Rouge, LA.

In addition to her church duties, she continues to stay involved in area musical groups. She has been soprano soloist in the Community Chorus' annual presentation of The Messiah, a member of The Community Ensemble, a local group providing programs for civic and charitable groups, and the MCC Singers. She sang eleven years with the Evansville, IN Philharmonic Chorus.

In recent years, she has caught the theater bug and has appeared in several local summer theater musicals at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville. She has portrayed Mother Abbess, *The Sound of Music*, *Addaperle*, *The Wiz*, *Bloody Mary*, *South Pacific* and the 2013 musical, *The King & I*, as Lady Thiang.

Alice and her husband, Brent, love world travel, theater, great music and good food!



**Mervyn  
Humphreys**

Mervyn was born in Tetbury, United Kingdom in 1947. He spent his early years (beginning at age 4) playing the piano, working along side his father who was a Methodist minister.

When Mervyn was 8 years old, his father asked him to play at Childrens' Church and to go with him to local churches to play harmonium while he preached.

At age 10, Mervyn visited a large cathedral in the north UK where he was bitten by the "organ" bug. He later studied organ with Mr. Peter Rodway FRCO, under the auspices of the Royal College of Organists in London.

Mervyn's other love, in addition to church choral music, is old English Madrigals.

Mervyn and his wife, Kathy, came to the U.S. in 2006 and currently live in Waycross,

GA. He is the organist and Music Director at First Christian Church (DOC).



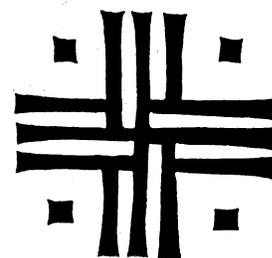
**Beth Miller**

Beth Miller lives in Wabash, IN and professionally is a real estate sales associate with Wabash Realty. Her church work includes singing in the choir, ringing with the handbell choir and serving as Chair of the worship ministry team at Wabash Christian Church.

Beth, an active ADMer for eighteen years served previously on the planning council and was a part of the planning team for the 2006 conference on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University.

Beth has a degree in Business Administration from Huntington University and is active in Kiwanis, Tri Kappa, Wabash Area Community Theater and other community organizations.

Beth's personal life includes three grown children and four grandchildren. Having been widowed earlier, Beth is most appreciative of the love and support she has received from her ADM family. "Attending each summer's ADM conference is like attending a family reunion. I am proud to be associated with this wonderful group."





**Jeanette Showalter**

With degrees from Texas Christian University and Northwestern University, Jeanette is currently the Director of Music Ministries at First Christian Church, Wichita Falls, TX. She was previously the choir director/organist at University United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

At First Christian, Jeanette directs the Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, and BLAST choir, and serves as the substitute organist.

Jeanette also teaches private piano lessons.

Jeanette and her husband, Chris, have two stepchildren: Madi, a high school sophomore, and Taylor, a senior at TCU.



**Dana Lobaugh**, Ft. Worth, TX; **Jeff Myrmo**, Tucson, AZ; and **Suzanne Hatcher**, Raymore, MO, agreed to have their names placed in nomination for the Planning Council Class of 2017. They will be voted on next summer at the 2014 conference in Decatur, IL.



## Highlights of the 2013 Conference



A lively group of Hoosiers welcomed us to their beautiful state and the city of Ft. Wayne.



A great group of clinicians brought to Ft. Wayne by Shannon and his team included (L to R): **Phyllis Kirk**, handbells; **Tim Seelig**, Choral; **Suzanne Castle**, Worship; Shannon Moore; **Christian Piatt**, Emerging Worship; **Andra Moran**, Emerging Worship Music; and **S. Wayne Foster**, Organ.



See how happy this group of ADMers is on the last day of the conference. They are already thinking about going to Decatur next summer.



Handbells are always an active and vital part of each ADM conference. With Phyllis Kirk at the handbell helm this summer, all ringers had a grand time.



Except for Andra (far right), our hats are off to those who traveled the farthest from Arizona, California and points west.



Brad is trying to help get everyone in the mood to travel to the “Land of Lincoln” next summer for the 2014 Conference at Central Christian Church in Decatur, IL. It’s the “hat!”

## New ADM Musician Clinician Fund

established by the Planning Council this summer. With beginning donations totaling \$3,052.00, the new fund, when it reaches \$40,000.00 will help supplement the honorarium paid to handbell, choral or organ clinicians. Modeled after the Tom Wood Worship Clinician fund, this new fund will help defray the cost of another conference clinician each summer. Along with these two clinician funds, ADM also continues to build the Endowment Fund and the Vera Enz First-timers Fund which received respectively during special offerings this summer \$275.00 and \$1,478.00.

## Looking ahead to 2014.....



**Dee Dee Gain,**  
Planning Council 2013-2014 President, is so excited to be hosting the 2014 ADM Conference at her church, Central

Christian, in Decatur, IL next summer from July 13-18. Some details for next summer’s conference are already posted on the ADM website, [www.adm-doc.org](http://www.adm-doc.org), so check it out and visit the website often for additional information. Dee Dee and her planning team will be working from now until next summer putting together and bringing you another outstanding conference. A special treat during next summer’s conference will be a trip to Springfield to worship in Dale Rogers’ church, Westminster Presbyterian, and to have time to visit the Lincoln Museum, Library, and home site; and other well-known sites in Springfield. Now’s the time to work with your church on conference funding and invite colleagues and friends to experience the wonder of an ADM conference.

**SEE YOU IN DECATUR!!**