

OFFERINGS AT ADM

At this Annual Workshop three different monetary offerings will be received. The proceeds from two of the offerings support the work and objectives of the Association of Disciple Musicians. These offerings will go to the Vera Enz Scholarship Fund and the ADM Endowment Fund. In addition to these important offerings, we have an opportunity this year to participate in undergirding the ministry of the larger church. We invite you to take part, as you are able, in an offering to benefit the National Benevolence Association.

NATIONAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

This offering will benefit the work of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The NBA provides a number of benevolent ministries across the nation. Among its many ministries are programs for at risk children and their families, and persons with disabilities. The NBA supervises a number of facilities for senior adults. The NBA offers hope to many who live in despair. This offering will be received during the opening worship service, Saturday, July 25.

VERA ENZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR FIRST-TIMERS

The Vera Enz Scholarship Fund was started to honor Vera Enz, one of our charter members. Her love for and devotion to the church, to excellence in church music and to ADM over the years has earned her the unofficial title of the "Mother of ADM." The proceeds from this fund are used to provide scholarships for first-timers. The offering for the scholarship fund will be received during closing worship on Thursday, August 1.



The original resolution (sent to members July 1990) read as follows:

WHEREAS due to the influence of Vera Enz, "Three Blind Mice" has become the unofficial song of newcomers to ADM; and

WHEREAS first-timers and clinicians alike have traditionally been cajoled, bullied, abused and have been loved and made to feel welcome by Vera Enz; and

WHEREAS year after year ADMers wait expectantly for Vera's presentation; and

WHEREAS the members of ADM would like to display their love and support of her and her ministry to newcomers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby establish an endowment in her honor with the yearly income to be used to present "The Vera Enz First-Timer's Scholarships" as directed by the ADM Council.

ADM ENDOWMENT FUND

The ADM Endowment Fund was established to provide support for the various activities and programs of the Association of Disciple Musicians. The Council designated that the proceeds of this fund would be used to endow the Choral Clinician for the Annual Workshop. When we have received the funds necessary to endow the choral clinician's annual stipend and expenses, the Council will determine a new purpose for the fund. The offering for the ADM Endowment Fund will be received on Sunday, July 28.

SOME POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

"What about the Tom Wood Fund?"

The Tom Wood Worship Clinician Fund was established to honor the work of Tom Wood, formerly of the General Church staff. This fund has grown to the point that we are able to use the interest to cover the worship clinician's stipend and expenses. Therefore the Council determined we would no longer receive an offering for this fund at the Annual Workshop.

"Why are we adding an offering that goes to a different group?"

The Association of Disciple Musicians is a recognized organization within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It is appropriate for us to live out our relationship with the larger church by giving to ministries that reach beyond ourselves.

"I didn't bring a lot of money with me."

Many of us arrive at Workshop strapped for cash. Some of us serve churches that pay our expenses to this event but many of us volunteer our musical gifts and pay for our time here ourselves. These offerings are not meant to burden anyone or to make anyone feel guilty. At the same time, the same principle of stewardship that governs how we train in our particular musical discipline is at work in the realm of our material resources. We give because God has first given abundantly to us all that we have and all that we are. Each of us will need to choose carefully and prayerfully how to give.