

♪ Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians ♪

News

Greetings from President Jan Corrothers

Dear Treasured FABM Family,

What a glorious week we had together at the Lake! I am always amazed at how the Lord orchestrates even the smallest of details to be worked through for His glory, each time we gather. I want to formally express my sincere gratitude to our FABM Board, our clinicians, coordinators, Youth counselors and support staff for their invaluable hard work, which created such a meaningful experience for all. Happy Anniversary, FABM!!



The Board is already beginning to look ahead to FABM 51! The theme for next year's conference will be, "Then Sings My Soul." Our corresponding Scripture will be Psalm 84:2, which says, "My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God." Our slate of clinicians for July 17-23, 2016 is absolutely stellar! I can assure you that they are as eager to work with us, as we are to host them. All but one of our headliners will be first-time conference attendees!

Adult Choral—Tim Sharp
Youth Choral—Fernando Malvar-Ruiz
Children Choral—Melissa Malvar-Keylock
Handbells—Sondra Tucker
Organ—Sue Mitchell-Wallace
Instrumental—Keith Christopher
Worship—Anne Scalfaro
Piano—Mark Hayes

For those of you who were able to take pictures during conference week, please post them to our FABM Facebook page for all to enjoy! We want to show others what an incredible experience we shared together through our photo memories! This will also help generate excitement for 2016.

Please plan to join us next year as we move confidently into the next fifty years of equipping and enriching our spiritual lives through music and worship.

Serving through Song,
Jan

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Conference for Church Musicians July 17-23, 2016



A Note from Past-President Steve Newman



The 50th Anniversary Conference has now been weaved into the legacy of our Fellowship. However, the memories of the “heartsongs” shared during that week will continue to resound for many days yet to come. We were blessed with outstanding clinicians, music that was inspirational and uplifting, yet challenging, and we saw a significant increase in the number of registrations. Even the weather cooperated in beautiful fashion. As I drove out through the gates of the Conference Center on that Saturday morning, I experienced a mix of emotions. I was relieved that the conference had been such a

grand experience, but also a bit sad and nostalgic that my term as FABM president had come to an end.

The experience of serving on the board, and especially these last two years as president, has been a most rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to work with colleagues who are professional and thorough in their work, and I deeply appreciate all that they did to make the conferences of the last two years so very memorable. I also express my gratitude to every coordinator, ensemble leader, and support team member for working so diligently behind the scenes to keep everything running like clockwork. The anniversary program and celebration were everything I had hoped they would be! I am deeply appreciative of those who sang in the anniversary choir,

directed or accompanied it, as well as Heather Hood for organizing the reception and Faith Brill for compiling the history and memorabilia. Now that everyone has returned to our places of music ministry, I pray that the quality of the music in our churches and schools will be all the better because of the time we spend at Green Lake. When that happens we can truly know that we are fulfilling the mission of our Fellowship as we continue to “enrich spiritual lives through God’s glorious gift of music.”



A Note from Executive Secretary Joyce Crowder



We had a great Conference for Church Musicians this year at the Green Lake Conference Center. It was wonderful to celebrate our 50th Anniversary together by sharing a variety of music with instruments and voices. There were almost 300 conferees between the adult, youth, and children areas. We also had someone give another gift to The Jet

Turner Memorial Scholarship bringing our total to \$7,500 to be invested for the conferences in the future. If you were not able to join us this year, we pray that you will be able to join us next year. Plan now to attend and bring a fellow musician to share the experience.

A Note from Secretary Rebecca Esbin

Dear Family of Church Musicians,
Thank you for your kind, prayerful support of the Conference for Church Musicians. God really blessed our time together.

Upon reflection, when asked how I was able to encourage so many people to come to the conference, I believe the Holy Spirit moved in the attendee's hearts—like one of the songs the Young Adults shared at our final concert, "I'm Gonna Sing 'till the Spirit Moves in My Heart..."

The conference attendance is a testimony to not only the musical quality of the conference, but the conference's emphasis on spirituality through Jesus Christ. The Conference for Church Musicians is truly its own best "advertisement." Good news does spread.

I am not alone in encouraging others to attend our church music conference.

Whenever I mention the next Conference for Church Musicians, several people pipe up and add their voices of affirmation. Almost everyone from my church who has ever attended the conference has come to at least one more music conference. 2015's draw was the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Doris Hedler, Ashland Church Chancel Choir's most senior member (97 years young), made special arrangement to be there. Her son got her to every choir rehearsal, and she was thrilled to sing in the Anniversary Choir!

Ashland Church tried to make it as affordable as possible for everyone who attends. We do a fundraiser once a year that has been quite successful. Ashland's budget has a line item for "Music Camps and Conferences." We also take advantage of all the scholarships offered to teens and adults by simply applying online

through Green Lake Conference Center itself. And as many of you know, FABM has scholarships available too.

My word of encouragement to you is, if you know someone who lives Psalm 34:1 (*I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth*), do not be afraid to tell them the good news about The Conference for Church Musicians. Present the information to them, and the financial facts. Pray The Holy Spirit will *move in their heart!*

Yours in Christ,
Rebecca Esbin



A Note from Youth Coordinators—Jeff & Katie Rector

As always, in taking stock of this year's youth conference, there are countless wonderful memories to be thankful for. A chance to reconnect with old friends (and meet their children!), a chance to get away from the "real world" and see the world as God really intended, watching the Holy Spirit turn apparent big mistakes into huge successes, and on and on.

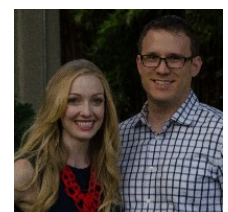
Amid all our great traditions, though, it was something new that stood out to us this year. The Tuesday night Unity Service was not just a positive experience, but an inspiring one. It definitely came with a lot of trepidation, and more than a little resistance. Many of the youth were disappointed to see the Youth Talent Show take a break, and they were skeptical of how this new venture would play out. To be honest,

we were too. Would the service be well-attended? Would it be a genuinely positive inter-generational experience, or just awkward? Would it even just *work*?

It was a nervous step into a great unknown, but God had a spiritually energizing and affirming experience waiting for us. The Holy Spirit showed up in a profound way; you could feel the energy in the room! The enthusiasm was palpable. The stories of those who shared about their Green Lake experience were deeply moving (Jeff barely kept it together). We were able to come together and share our great love for Green Lake and our history there in a new, exciting, and meaningful way. The response from the youth themselves was very positive. Their most

significant regret was only that more people didn't come!

As you embark on another long, jam-packed year of programming, challenges, opportunities, frustrations, joys, tears, and laughter with your youth, we pray that you will consider how you can help share experiences like these with those you know. To put it as Earlyne Dodd did so well: we should all be traveling to Green Lake in packs! If there is any way we can assist you in becoming a "pack leader" in your community, please let us know. We have Good News, and something wonderful to share next summer at the lake.



A Note from Lending Library Coordinator Karen Hetrick

There was so much to love about our recent conference:

- The gorgeous weather (thank you, God—and the FABM Board ☺)
- Reuniting with long-time friends and making new ones;
- Participating in renewing worship each day;
- Finding Tom Long’s Bible study and worship workshops amazingly aligned with my current doctoral thesis work;
- Celebrating our 50th anniversary of shared history in this ministry and looking to the future as we anticipate next year’s conference;
- The profound experience of our lakeside Communion worship;
- Coming home to find out a local church may send a musician next year to whom I can introduce our fellowship and resources.



I loved that in my capacity as Librarian of the Lending Library I had the opportunity to:

- Bring music for someone to borrow, receive returned music to bring back, and check out some music from the anniversary choir;
- Answer questions and take orders during a brisk business at the library display and discuss plans to assist a member whose choir personnel has changed, and thus the choir’s music needs;
- Explain the library to a choir director who was invited by a conferee colleague to see what we are about;
- Share through my workshop some titles that will hopefully be useful to those who attended;
- Have the blessing of putting a face with a name of someone to whom I have shipped library music for quite a number of years (Hi, Kathleen!)

Yes, as I reflect on the blessings of the worship, study, and fellowship that make up our conference, there is much, and more important, are *many* to love, as part of my *heartsong*.

May God grant you the wisdom and foresight to use the Lending Library now and then, and may the blessings of the Giver and Leader of our song be upon you all.



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