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News



We are moving forward with plans for Green Lake 2021! Clinicians are lined up, several of whom kindly agreed to come next year when this past July's conference had to be COVID-cancelled. Here's the list:

- Worship—Dr. Emmett G. Price III (Professor of Worship, Church and Culture, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, MA)
- Adult Choral—Dr. Eric Nelson (Professor of Music, Emory University, Atlanta, GA)
- Youth Choral—Stephanie Trump (Director of Choirs, Armstrong High School, Plymouth, MN)
- Children's Music—Ruth E. Dwyer (Associate Director & Director of Education, Indianapolis Children's Choir, and Artistic Director, Columbus Indiana Children's Choir, IN)
- Handbells—Brian Childers (Director of Children and Youth Music and Handbells, Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC)
- Orchestra—Zach Crowder (Associate Director of Bands, Decatur High School, Indianapolis, IN)

We will also have an organ recital on Wednesday night by T. Jaren Stellmacher (Director of Worship and Music, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Verona, WI). It will be at Our Savior United Church of Christ in Ripon, where we have had other organ events in the last few years.

Wow. Top people from across the U.S. Spread the word that at Green Lake we have one of the best conferences you could hope to attend, and the setting is second to none!

Our country continues to battle the coronavirus, making plans for the future tentative at best. We will be in Green Lake in July if we see that we can gather safely. On March 1, your FABM officers will assess whether in fact we need to pivot to an online conference. We will let you know, either way.

Keep singing!
John
Dr. John W. Campbell
President, FABM

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A Message from Carol Giesbrecht, President-Elect/Treasurer

I'm the child of immigrants. My grandparents fled the Russian revolution. I lived in a three-generation household. I would listen to my grandmother talk about feeding her family with nothing. I would listen to my grandfather talk about watching the raiding bands, both red and white, ride onto his farmyard and take whatever livestock they wanted. My mother would talk about not being able to play with her friends or to attend school. My father talked about needing medical care that wasn't available and that left him with a lifelong disability.

All would talk about Christmas without any outward celebration, but all would talk about Christmas coming anyway. They talked about worship at home, they talked about the reading of the Scripture story. And above all, they talked about the music. They had no hymnal but they didn't need one. The songs and carols were committed to memory and they sang! They still sang and those songs are committed to my memory too.

Does any of this ring true for you? We're all dealing with unusual circumstances. Worship isn't the same. Our daily lives aren't the same. We can't make music the same way. We grieve for these things. And now Christmas is coming.

Yes, the Christ Child is coming. We need to remember that the decorations, the tree, the get togethers, all the normal trappings of Christmas, as wonderful as they are, aren't what we need for Christmas to come. We need hearts ready to receive Him. We need a spirit of thankfulness for what we do have. We have music, whether we can sing together or by ourselves. We may need to find new ways of "doing" music. We may find that a pared down Christmas becomes a more meaningful one.

Yes, Christmas is coming. Be sure you "Rest beside the weary road to hear the angels sing."

Carol Giesbrecht
FABM President-Elect

Ideas during a Pandemic

The pandemic has significantly altered how we plan and engage in worship. Okay, you already knew that. But we'd like to provide a platform with the next newsletter for how you have adjusted, a way to share "best practices". What have you done, or has your church done, that is an idea others might be able to use or adapt for their own purposes? Send them to FABM President John Campbell at this email: jwcmusicman@gmail.com, and read about them early in 2021.

Let's Zoom, Green Lake people!

On December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Central (8:00 p.m. Eastern). Use the following link to check in with all our FABM folks:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220792779>

Meeting ID: 882 2079 2779

A Note from Joyce Crowder, Executive Secretary

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The FABM Board wants to again thank the many Patrons of 2020. We have been able to keep up with the expenses of the office, advertising, mailings, printing, etc. in this difficult time due to your generosity. As the Board looks ahead, we are praying that we will be able to meet together next July. Contracts are out to the clinicians and accompanists, contracts with Green Lake Conference Center are signed, calls and emails are already going out. We know that many things have changed and may continue to change with our Music Publishers so we are waiting until early next year to contact them. I pray for you often as many of us are serving our congregations in unique ways. My main prayer is that you stay healthy and strong. Please let us know of your joys and prayer requests.

Musical Blessings,

Joyce Crowder

Executive Secretary, FABM



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