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News

Greetings from President Jan Corrothers

Dear FABM Family and Friends:

Greetings to you from the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, where FABM President-Elect, Mike Waltenberger and I are participating in the ACDA Central Division Conference! This weekend of inspiration, education, and renewal have heightened our enthusiasm for our upcoming Conference for Church Musicians in July. I have had delightful conversations with former FABM Clinicians, including: JoAnn Rediger (Youth), Brad and Beth Holmes (Youth), Rick Sowers (Adult), Jane Holstein (Organ), David Weck (Handbells), as well as this year's Adult Choral Clinician and ACDA Executive Director, Dr. Tim Sharp!

Allow me to introduce you to another incredible servant-musician, who will be leading our Youth Conference this year: my friend and colleague, Michael Engelhardt! Mike has already heard wonderful stories of past FABM conferences from his mentors and former Millikin University Professors, Brad and Beth Holmes. Michael creates a diverse range of choral, pop, jazz, electronic music, and concert media, all in hopes of making deep connections with real people. In 2015, he had original compositions premiered at the Minnesota All-State, Kansas All-State, and ACDA National conferences. Much of his work is published by Walton Music (GIA) and Hinshaw Music, and he has several self-published works available at mikeemus.com. As a clinician and guest conductor, Michael has appeared with the West Virginia ACDA All-State Chamber Choir, the University of Louisville Choral Invitational, the Millikin Vocal Jazz Festival, and three Illinois District Vocal Jazz Choirs. He has had the great fortune to collaborate with major artists such as Ben Folds (from NBC's The Sing Off), Abraham Laboriel (bass player for Michael Jackson and others), Patti Austin (Grammy award-winning vocalist), Kerry Livgren (Kansas), the Kansas City Chorale (Grammy award-winning choral ensemble), Cantus (men's ensemble), and Chapter 6 (jazz a cappella group). Michael currently serves as Artistic Director for The Singing City, a non-profit that aims to unite the entire city of St. Louis, Missouri, in song for one night each year. We are extremely fortunate to have Mike lead our Youth this Summer and my prayer is that you are strongly encouraging any and all Youth in your church and family to make the week of July 17-23 a priority! It will be an unforgettable experience for all!



This year, I have been volunteering as Choir Director of our adult church choir in
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**Conference for Church Musicians
July 17-23, 2016**



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Cincinnati. This opportunity has allowed me to take full advantage of, for the very first time, the many benefits of the FABM Lending Library. I am ever-grateful to Karen Hetrick and her husband, for their willingness to oversee this wonderful resource for our organization! They are eager and efficient volunteers who are excited to help any FABM member looking for cost-effective ways to introduce favorite anthems (old and new) to their church's music ministry. I encourage you all to take advantage of this offering. It is available to any FABM member at any time. Details for using the Lending

Library are available on our website: www.fabm.com. Thank you, Karen and Mark!

I'm thrilled to let you know that our 2016 Piano Clinician, Mark Hayes, will be sharing in our Opening Conference Celebration on Sunday evening, July 17 at 7:15pm! He will lead us in an All-Conference Sing, along with a few of our very talented FABM members. Together, we will take time to reflect on the Lord's blessings of our 2015 50th Anniversary Conference, and immediately launch into a week of new experiences led by

our outstanding Clinicians and Staff.

I can't wait to sing with you in July as one body of believers: "*Then Sings My Soul*, my Savior, God to Thee! How great Thou art, how great Thou art!" Who do you know that needs to experience the beauty and inspiration of Green Lake? Please, invite them today!

Yours in Song,
Jan Corrothers
FABM President

A Note from President-Elect/Treasurer Michael Waltenberger

Save the date! Make your plans now! The Conference for Church Musicians is July 17-23, 2016!

In just a few months, singers, ringers, directors, keyboardists, talented youth and energetic children will gather together at the beautiful Green Lake Conference Center. The 2016 Conference for Church Musicians is shaping up to be another outstanding event. Engaging leadership, energizing workshops, rehearsals and worship combined with opportunities for learning, creating and re-creating make a fabulous combination for a week that will bless and renew.

New music releases from seven major publishing companies are shared at daily reading sessions. You'll have the opportunity to hear and sing the "best of the best" in new choral music for your choirs. Daily workshops focus

upon specific areas of musicality and ministry. The worship experiences will renew your spirit. The JW Pepper music store will be available for additional resources as well.

Add all this to the lush surroundings of beautiful Green Lake and you'll have the making of a tremendous week.

Remember that your registration is two-fold: You need to register for the Conference with FABM (www.fabm.com) AND make your reservations with the Green Lake Conference Center for housing and meals (www.glcc.org). Scholarships are available on a first-come basis. Please contact Executive Secretary Joyce Crowder at jcrowder@fbccolumbus.org for more information.

Each of us desires to be a good steward: the Conference for Church Musicians will be a great

investment in your ministry. Please feel free to contact any of the FABM Board members if you have questions or concerns. We are here to serve you and be a blessing.

Be sure to get your membership to FABM in today and take advantage of the over 400 titles available to use with the FABM Lending Library. You can view the entire library resources online at www.fabm.com.



Remember to "Like" us on Facebook! We'll be posting regular updates in the weeks to come before the conference.

Looking forward to seeing each of you this July!

Yours and His,
Michael Waltenberger
FABM President-Elect/Treasurer

A Note from Executive Secretary Joyce Crowder

We pray that you will be able to join us at The Conference for Church Musicians this July! This is another reminder that registration will be on Sunday, July 17—1:00pm-6:00pm with the opening celebration beginning at 7:15pm Sunday night. See Jan's article to get more information about that. The rest of the week will have a full schedule every day and we'll start our Sharing Celebrations with Handbells on Thursday night.

What I want to remind you about is the availability of scholarships. If you've never received one, you are eligible to apply for the adult, youth or children scholarship. If you apply as an adult, you must be a member of FABM which is \$45 for the year. Youth and children scholarship applications do not have a membership to them. You also need to have the application postmarked by May 1, 2016 to qualify. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 10 so you can

make plans. IF you are applying for a scholarship and you are not a member, please send the membership and application together. If you've already paid, the application is all you will need to send. The FABM scholarship is for the conference registration only.

The cost of the conference for adults and youth is \$250. However, if you get your registrations in by June 15, you only need to pay \$200 for the early registration. Children conference fees are \$90, but again a registration by June 15 makes it only \$75.

Remember that you need to call the Green Lake Conference Center directly to make arrangements for your room and board. You still have the option of picking a meal ticket with OR without breakfast on it, but you need to tell them that AT THE TIME OF YOUR RESERVATION. All camp sites, cabins, youth rooms, etc. go out of our con-

ference block and back on the general availability list on May 10, so call right away if you've not reserved your room, camp site, house, etc.

Please visit our website frequently as we begin updating it with information this spring. We pray that you will be inviting and bringing those who love the music ministry to share with us in the week by the lake. We are praying that your Lenten Season will be a blessing to all of you and those you serve as you culminate with the Resurrection Story on Easter.

Blessings,

Joyce Crowder

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FABM Friends Update

We would like to sincerely thank Becky Esbin for her work as the FABM Board Secretary. It's a time consuming job to keep us all in line to make sure we get our things done and turned in for the many notifications that are written "Pre and Post" Conference. She has decided that she is unable to continue as Secretary due to the many "plates" she already is juggling. This was made effective in January. Thanks to our Webmaster, Carla Williams, she has stepped into that position.

Already familiar with the role of Secretary, she'll reassume the position to get us through the next conference.

JoAnn Blair, Manager of Worldwide Gifts at the Green Lake Conference Center, was involved in an automobile accident coming off the Conference grounds in October 2015. JoAnn has been a long time supporter of the FABM Conference, having attended it numerous times as a church musician. As a result of the accident, JoAnn had several broken

bones and a punctured lung.

JoAnn is now at home. She still has a long road of recovery ahead of her and is doing physical therapy. Please keep JoAnn and family in your prayers. If you would like to send her a card or note of encouragement, you may send it to the following address: Green Lake Conference Center
C/O GLCC WorldWide Gifts—

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