



# General Conference XXIII

## Music at General Conference

### Music Update #1

Welcome to Music at General Conference! We appreciate you and the gifts you will bring to Scottsdale.

It's a new day and a new song for this year's music ministry! The Music Team is excited about the many ways we will experience uplifting worship and music. We have much to share with you in preparation for conference. Please take a moment to read the information presented here.

This will be the first of two updates containing important music participant information. The next update will be later in June. This update includes:

- Music Vision
- Music Participants' Covenant
- Singing Schedule and Choir Song Selections
- Choir Roster
- Music Support
- We Appreciate You!

#### Music Vision

The aim of the music ministry is to provide music that embraces MCC's core values of inclusion, community, transformation and social action. We come from various churches and backgrounds, and we all have diverse ways of being. To help provide a unifying perspective and presence at conference the music vision is -

*Creating Sacred Space through Inspiring Music*

#### Music Participants' Covenant

To help us come together and move together with ease and love, there are a few basic ideals we ask that music participants agree to:

- Embrace the music vision.
- Demonstrate loving respect for one another.
- Be supportive and agreeable.
- Have regard for all forms of worship expression and all styles of music.

- Be prepared and on time for rehearsals, sound checks, and worship.
- Be committed to quality music.
- Be open to providing and receiving supportive feedback.

## **Singing Schedule and Conference Choir Selections**

The conference will sing:

- Wednesday Night - "One Voice"
- Thursday Night - "Why Not Trust God Again"
- Friday Night - "Groundless Ground" and "Anthem of Praise"

## **Other Choir Opportunities:**

### ***Global Justice Sunday Choir***

Attention those attending Clergy Conference and everyone planning to arrive to Scottsdale, by or before June 30<sup>th</sup> - A choir is being formed for Global Justice Sunday worship (Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>). If you are already in Scottsdale or planning to arrive early, and are interested in singing, please contact John Fischer ([JohnFischer@yahoo.com](mailto:JohnFischer@yahoo.com)). There will be only one rehearsal on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. (Following Clergy Conference – Time TBD.)

### ***Opening Worship Community Choir***

For anyone arriving to General Conference before or by Monday (July 2) or before, there is a community choir forming for the Opening Worship. The Opening Worship Community Choir will include the Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Chorus and voices from the MCC community. If you are interested in singing in the Community Choir, please contact Candy Holmes as soon as possible as there will be limited participation ([RevCandyHolmes@mccchurch.net](mailto:RevCandyHolmes@mccchurch.net)). Rehearsal will be on Monday (7/2) afternoon -- location and time will be announced. To begin learning the Community Choir song (Hallelujah Chorus – Soulful Celebration) you can download the "rehearsal copy" of the music once it is posted.

## **Music Support & Helps**

We are in need of several volunteers to help us with Music Support, Administrative tasks and General Help. Some areas we need assistance with include music librarians for choir, helpers to adjust the choir loft and rehearsal area, general errands and other music needs. If you have any skills in these areas or you have friends/family that need a place to serve please let us know. This area of support and helps is paramount to the success of our music ministry. Many hands make light work! Contact Wayne Davis ([WayneDavis@mccchurch.net](mailto:WayneDavis@mccchurch.net)).

## **We Appreciate You -- Music Appreciation Evening Reception**

As a special honor, in appreciation for those participating in the Conference music ministry, we are delighted to announce "**An Evening Reception with Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson and Rev. Dr. Cindi Love**" on **Tuesday, July 3rd**, immediately following evening worship. Nancy and Cindi are preparing something special for the music participants. The location/time TBD.

Watch for the next music update where more music ministry logistics will be provided. Some of what will be included in the next music update will be the rehearsal locations, rehearsal schedule, uniforms, etc. If you have questions in the meantime, feel free to contact us.

With harmony of spirit,

## *The Conference Music Team*

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