

General Conference Music Update

May 25, 2007

We are within a little over a month of General Conference and anticipation is building as God's people prepare to come together in oneness of Spirit and Fellowship! There has been a tremendous response to the Conference Music Ministry and there is still for you! As we move toward Conference it is our desire to continue to provide Music Updates so you can know what inspiring worshipful experiences await you. This update features the Conference Choir – "One Voice" and Conference Band/Orchestra – "Espiritu de Musica."

We are delighted to say that the Conference Choir – "One Voice" has well over 100 voices. The Conference Band and Orchestra – "Espiritu de Musica" has 30 instrumentalists. How wonderful it is to have MCCers sharing of their gifts and talents!

"One Voice" will be featured during Wednesday through Friday evening worship services. There will be daily choir rehearsals, with times TBD and posted online. In addition, to assist music participants in learning the music in advance, the music selections (Rehearsal Only Copies) will be posted online on the MCC conference music web page in May.

"Espiritu de Musica" – is an inspired new experience for General Conference. Instrumentalists from various churches from across MCC will come together to form our orchestra and various bands. They will provide amazing music of Spirit!

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).

Other Choir Opportunities!

- Attention those attending Clergy Conference and everyone planning to arrive to Scottsdale, by or before June 30th - A choir is being formed for Global Justice Sunday worship (Sunday July 1st). If you are already in Scottsdale or planning to arrive early, and are interested in singing, please contact John Fischer (JohnFischer@yahoo.com). There will be only one rehearsal on Saturday, June 30th. (Following Clergy Conference – Time TBD.)
- For anyone arriving to General Conference before or by Monday (July 2) or before, there is a special community choir forming for the Opening Worship. The Opening Worship Community Choir will include voices from the Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Chorus and 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). 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 music once it is posted.

There is so much more we can share but we have run out of space. Stay tuned for the next Update when will provide more exciting music news!!