



The Newsletter

Association of Disciple Musicians
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2009 ADM Conference

Hopefully by now you have received this year's flier giving some details about the 2009 ADM Conference being held on the campus of DePauw University in Greencastle, IN from July 25 through the 29. It appears that the conference committee made up of council members Kristi Hill, Brenda Hagedon and James McGee have been hard at work this past year making plans for yet another wonderful ADM experience. Complete conference information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter, but in the meantime, check out this and all ADM updates at our website, www.adm-doc.org.



2009 ALL-Assembly Choir for the General Assembly

For those of you who plan to remain in the Greencastle/Indianapolis area and attend the 2009 General Assembly, plans have been made for an All-Assembly Choir that will be a feature of the closing concert and communion service on Sunday afternoon, August 2. If interested, please get in touch with Patricia Case, pcase@ogmp.disciples.org.



From The President

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed,
an apple; in cocoons, a hidden promise;*

butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. Natalie Sleeth, 1986

I love this hymn, don't you? The text is so simple, yet so true, so profound. The composer's words are so appropriate for this time of year as we have come through the Lenten Season with its time of darkness and shadows ending with all the beauty, majesty, joy and celebration of Easter. As ADM President, it is my hope that our summer conference will be such a time of joy and celebration for each person in attendance.

Out theme this year is **We Your People, Ours the Journey**. Our 2009 planning team, Brenda Hagedon, Jim McGee and I, have been hard at work! We are very excited that we are starting to see our ideas come together. For starters, Brian Brauchla and his band, "Sundown," will kick us off at our opening cookout at Bowen Park on the campus of DePauw University. Our opening worship service will be held at nearby Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church. This will surely be a night to remember!

Most of you are aware that our clinicians are as follows: Bryan Feille, Worship; Eric Stark, Choral; Carla Edwards, Organ; and Carolynne Mathis, Handbells. Each of these individuals are currently preparing worship and music materials that will not only be meaningful in the moment, but will also be easily transferred to our lives and churches back home.

In addition to these nationally known clinicians, we have wonderful options and option leaders lined up for you. These include Clergy Self-Care with Rev. Eugene

Fisher (Pension Fund), Beginning Finale with Carla Edwards and Advanced Music Technology led by Veronica Pejril (DePauw University), Native American Spirituality and Labyrinth Walk led by Rev. Warren Lynn (DHM), Pysanky Eggs with Jane Willmert, Chapel Choir with Bill Anshutz and much, much more! Another worthwhile option is something new called “ADM Gives Back.” This activity will be an ADM/DHM cooperative effort to assist the needy in the Indianapolis area.

Registration information should be posted on our website, www.adm-doc.org and we are currently putting the final touches on the brochures. What can you do to help? Pray often for our organization. Make plans to attend the 2009 ADM Conference, and invite others within your congregation and/or community to attend! There is a *“spring that waits to be....something God alone can see!”* I so hope that the entire Easter season provided you with deep meaning, and an even greater appreciation for that most special time in the life of our church!

Kristi Hill, ADM President



More Highlights from the 2008 Tulsa Conference



This happy group from Indiana who were in Tulsa last summer will welcome you to their state in July!! And yes, Randy does live in Indiana.



Handbell ringers are always a vital part of each year’s conference. Phyllis Kirk, 2008 Handbell Clinician, was once again a big “hit” with the ringers.



There is time at the ADM Conference to just sit and visit as shown by June Moll and Judy Ward.



Was great having Kartina Cochran and her husband joining us for a part of the Tulsa Conference.

ADM WEBSITE

Don’t forget to frequently check the ADM website, www.adm-doc.org.



Change in Conference Scheduling being considered.....

(Taken from minutes of the ADM Annual Meeting, July 21, 2008)

Motion from the Planning Council:

1. 2009 Conference has been shortened.
2. Due to finances, we are recommending to move to a biennial schedule on the even year.
3. We need to revise the bylaws to reflect the proposed schedule changes and make necessary corrections in the handbook.

Bylaw revisions will be sent to the ADM membership prior to the 2009 conference in accordance with our present bylaws.

- Passed at the 2008 Annual Meeting with this addition: This motion be approved as a proposal for consideration. Motion was made by George Campbell and seconded by Brad Burnham.

Explanation of Proposal:

Following a two-year period of work by the ADM Strategic Planning Committee and input from two membership discussion forums at the 2007 Conference, the 2008 ADM Council began to address the financial state of the organization. The following three items are the financial reasons that led to the above proposal:

1. Conference costs have consistently increased in every area from facilities, to room-and-board, to clinician fees and travel, etc. An example of rising

clinician cost is that the interest on the Tom Wood Worship Clinician Endowment Fund that was declared fully funded is no longer able to match the increased cost of the clinician and their travel.

2. Another factor is the number of conference attendees. Over recent years this has steadily decreased and even though the sitting councils have attempted to base recent conferences on the break-even cost of 150 people, that number hasn't been met.
3. There have been conference cost overruns, anticipated or unanticipated in recent years, that have severely reduced the conference reserve fund carried over from year-to-year. The fund is about to be depleted.

To address this financial situation, the Council is recommending that we move to a biennial conference with a potential target date to begin after the 2010 conference. The conference would be held on the even year with the General Assembly occurring on the odd. This will allow our Disciples Home Missions liaison to attend and give more attention to the conference without the conflicting time of the General Assembly. This is the practice of the other denominational constituency groups like ADM and is also being encouraged by Interim Disciples Home Missions president, Don Shelton, as a part of the denominational realignment process. The biennial format is the one other smaller denominational music fellowships are using and allows for more planning and publicity time. The shorter conference also helps with room, board, and facilities. Those that are using the biennial format also tend to use a church and a nearby hotel as we have done before.

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