

GRACENOTES

A NEW SONG

BUILDING ANEW FOR 2010



A Psalm for All Seasons
Stewardship of the Earth - Lament -
Peace - Thanksgiving - Praise

July 11 - 16, 2010



January 3, 2010!

Happy New Year!

Hope that your Advent and Christmas season was a wonderful one. Time to take a breath, put the music away, clean out the bell folders, make sure that the Wise Men arrive on time...AND let us know how you can spread the word about the 2010 Westminster Conference.

I know that we have all been very busy since the last Gracenotes/A New Song and maybe (probably???) you have not given much thought to how you can help spread the word. Well, now is the time to see what you can do in your area.

FYI, based on a quick look over past conference address lists, conferees come from:

- 7 different Synods - (Northeast, Trinity, Mid-Atlantic, Covenant, Lincoln Trails, Lakes and Prairies, Living Waters)
- In those Synods there are 101 Presbyteries. (If I count correctly...)
- In those 101 Presbyteries there are too many churches for me to count!

That is a very large base for us to draw people from.

And now some mathematical thoughts:

- If we had 2 people from each Presbytery, that would be 202 conferees.
- If each of those people brought along 2 other people that would be 404 conferees.
- If 20 churches brought 3 Youth that would be 60 Youth conferees
- If 20 churches brought 2 children that would be 40 children!
- $404+60+20=484$ people at 2010 Westminster!

Is this possible???
Why not!!!



We need your help!

Some reminders for you -

- If you did not know, there is a Facebook Group Page for the Conference. Look for:

PAM Westminster Conference on Worship and Music

- The PAM web page has had a makeover! Check it out and tell Creston what a great job he has done.

<http://www.presbymusic.org/index.html>

Things to consider or places we can spread the word:

- Are you a member of an AGO chapter, Chorister's Guild group or any other group? Do they have a newsletter in which you could place an announcement or would you be able to provide a handout at the next meeting?
- For those of you who aren't Presbyterian, Lutherans, etc., what connections in your area or denomination?

- If you are Presbyterian, we would like to make contact with the Presbyteries particularly those in the Synods that are closest to the Conference. If you are not sure what those Synods and Presbyteries are you can find out by going to the PC(USA) web site:

<<http://www.pcusa.org/links/>>

(Use the map there to see what these would be. By going to the individual Synod page you can click on the presbyteries and be taken to their web site and you can check out what they could offer with meeting dates, newsletters and online resources.)

- Now that you have found your Presbytery, contact your Presbyteries' Stated Clerks office and ask how you could spread the word about the conference. Some things to ask about are:
 - Presbytery Meetings: **Many Presbyteries will have a Stated Meeting in January or February** Is there an information table where commissioners pick up meeting related papers and other informational materials You can find out how many copies might be needed and how to have the material placed at the meeting.
 - Is there a place for announcements of upcoming events, either Presbytery sponsored, local or larger church events on the Presbytery's web site? Ask how to place information.

- Some Presbyteries use a regular (weekly or other) E-mail “blast” type newsletter. Sometimes, a link can be set up with your local web site for connecting with the PAM Web site. Ask how to place information.



I hope this Gracenotes/A New song finds you looking forward with expectation to the new year.

At the November meeting of the Philadelphia Presbytery, I took about 100 copies of Lynne’s flier and added them to the information table. This type of material goes in the “general information” section of the table after the meeting papers. I returned at the end of the meeting and picked up less than 20 copies. I am planning on doing this at the next two meetings, in January and March. I am still planning on getting the information in our e-newsletter, but have had a slight technical problem that I have to work out. When I have done that I will make available the information for you to use if you are interested.

If you want to ask me about how male connections with your presbytery, contact me. I serve on a Presbytery committee and have some first hand experience with the what and who to ask when you are trying to make contact

Bob Miller

Again, feel free to pass this on! I know there are more friends of the conference out there that I do not know how to contact, so spread the word and forward this on!



Lynne Williams has prepared a one page (8.5x11) flyer with information about the conference, how to go to the PAM web site for more information and eventually how to register. I will attach the “color” version as a pdf for you to reproduce. You can get a B&W version by copying the color version on a regular copier.



For this to work, it will take your initiative and leg work. Lynne and I will be happy to provide what ever help we can with materials. Our biggest dilemma is that we do not have a budget for major promotion and printing lots of flyers. Please consider how we can most effectively and cost efficiently spread the word. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take on the costs of printing and help us keep the Conference in the black.

So we can work smarter, please let us know what you can do and where you can do it. If there are several of you in a particular area, perhaps you can come up with a plan together. In particular, Michigan and Pittsburgh come to mind. In Pittsburgh, even though there are two members of the planning committee within the presbytery, how about taking on this to help them out? Keep us posted!

TO DO LIST

- contact my Presbytery
- place information at my Presbytery meeting
- place information in my Presbyteries newsletter or e-mail communications
- get the Westminster Conference listed on the Coming Events section of my Presbyteries web site
- share conference information with my local AGO chapter, it's newsletter, at a meeting, or on their web site
- share conference information with my local Chorister's Guild group
- organize a group of youth to experience the conference (a group of adults, too?)
- invite my pastor (tell them they don't have to preach, can sing, and bring along their tuba)
- find someone who might benefit from the Westminster experience and invite them and take them under my wing for the week.
- get the one page flyer, copy it and pass it out
- Let Lynne Williams or Bob Miller know how I can help spread the word.



To contact Lynne Williams: gpwlew@verizon.net

Note, this is a new e-mail address for her, if you have another one please use this one now.

To contact Bob Miller: robm35@earthlink.net



l. to r. - Lynne Williams, John Schwandt, Allan Barthel and Craig Dobbins meeting in November for Worship planning for the 2010 Westminster Conference after a long day of planning and good fellowship. I'm behind the camera.