



Thursday, March 24, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

As planning continues to unfold, the London Presbytery Worship committee is sensing the anticipation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the contribution of the London Presbytery choristers and musicians will make. The Opening service of worship (to commence at 7:30pm on June 5th) will be celebrated in Alumni Hall on the campus of the University of Western Ontario. This is a large space and we once again encourage you and in turn assist in encouraging others to take part in this opportunity to praise God. We will be needing numbers of participants by May 6th.

Our committee has been planning the service and the music. We have determined which anthems we will sing and have most of the hymns selected. We have tried to be mindful of choosing music that can be re-used in your home churches. Please see an addendum at the end of this letter for ordering information. Each church can then order the music for the choir members they will be sending. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday June 4th at 1:30 at Westmount Presbyterian Church (521 Village Green Ave – Wonderland, south of Commissioners - use front entrance), and then a quick rehearsal starting at 2pm in Alumni Hall on the afternoon of June 5th with the service to follow in the evening. There will also be opportunities for earlier rehearsals (perhaps Thursday evenings) at churches in the London area. If your church can accommodate others for this kind of rehearsal, please let me know and I will apprise others of this opportunity.

We have heard of some instrumentalists from your congregations but would love to hear from folks that might play 'Celtic' type instruments such as bodhran, tin whistle, and recorder for example and will be in contact later with specifics. We trust that we can assemble a balanced ensemble of instruments suitable to the venue, style and worship service.

We look forward to working with you on the Assembly theme of "Down by the River" as we lead the Sunday evening worship with themes of renewal, re-dedication and revival.

Please contact me by way of the addresses listed below with the total numbers of participants.

Yours Sincerely,

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Addendum
Anthem Ordering Information

Anthems:

“*Sing Praise to the Lord*” arr. Hal Hopson
Published by Augsburg Publishing #0-8006-7600-9
(This will be an introit)

“*Down to the River to Pray*” Traditional arr. Sheldon Curry
Daybreak music distributed by Hal Leonard #08743261

“*Like a River Glorious*” J. Mountain arr. Robert Sterling
Shawnee Press, distributed by Hal Leonard #35027320

Further information:

Hymns:

“*Christ is made the sure foundation*” # 482 – if you have this arrangement by S. Drummond-Wolfe in your library, we will be using that. No need to order, but that is the arrangement that we will be using if you’d like review it.

“*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*” #671 (requested by the moderator)

We would like to use the tune of “Slane” and “Beech Spring” to lyrics TBD

These tunes have a celtic, revivalist type of feel

Other hymns *may* be sung during communion – for instance, “All who hunger”, “I come with joy”

While I prefer to support local retailers whenever possible, I have found that buying from retailers who order in larger volumes is the best way to ensure that the music arrives in a timely fashion. Since we are dealing with time sensitive issues, I would like to suggest two retailers in Waterloo Region. Their contact information is as follows:

Opus II
100 Ahrens St West
Kitchener, ON N2H 4C3
opustwo@on.aibn.com
1-800-792-6623

OR

Music Plus
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Kitchener, ON N2G 1L7
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