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INTRODUCING OUR 2011 HYMN FESTIVAL CONDUCTOR

Hello Everyone!

My name is Dr. Julie Carter and I will be your host and leader for the 2011 Hymn Festival Sunday, February 27 at 3 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Fresno. I am the director of Worship and Music and have held this position for almost 20 years. In addition to planning the traditional service, conducting the Chancel Choir, and supervising our music groups, I now oversee the contemporary service, worship teams, sound and media. In short, all things “worship” at First Pres.! I am very excited about this job expansion and am greatly enjoying it. In addition to my duties at First Pres. I am the Artistic Director and Founder of Soli Deo Gloria, a semi-professional womens’ chorale. Our goal is to sing the highest quality music to the glory of God.

I am looking forward to the Hymn Festival. We sing hymns to praise, honor, laud and magnify God. In Ephesians 5:19-20 Paul writes that we should “speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual song.” Our Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, sang a hymn before going to the Mount of Olives. (Mark 14-26) When we sing, we find ourselves lifted beyond our immediate situation into the presence of God. For some of us, singing is the way we most deeply praise God. Reading words of praise is meaningful, but there is something about putting it into song that really speaks to the depths of our souls.

I hope you will join us as we glorify God in song together.
Let’s raise the rafters in praise!

Our February AGO Event – A Special Invitation
to all church choirs, and those in our congregations who love to sing hymns

**AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER**

Presents

A HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, February 27, 2011

3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

1540 M St., Fresno

Dr. Julie Carter, Director

First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

First Presbyterian Church Brass Ensemble

Soli Deo Gloria

Admission is free – The offering will benefit the AGO Scholarship Fund

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 27 – 3:00 pm - ORGAN SPECTACULAR – Warnors Theatre
Please contact Richard Cencibaugh for information – 559-349-5162

Sunday, May 22 – 1:00 pm – CCYPAC ORGAN COMPETITION – CSUF Concert Hall
Please contact Laurell Huber for information – 559-222-8114

Sunday, June 5 – 3:00 pm – GUILD SUNDAY – Trinity Lutheran Church, Fresno

July 3 – 7 – Region IX Convention in San Francisco

July 10 - 14 – Pipe Organ Encounter (for the West Coast) – Concordia University, Portland, OR

From our Region 9 Coordinator for Professional Development, Lea Schmidt-Rogers:

Do you have a contract with your church or synagogue?

Look over the model contract online on the AGO Headquarter's page under Professional Development. This sample contract is a good prelude for discussions about what the church and you expect from the job. It also explains what the Federal Government expects concerning contract workers versus a position with deductions. The Salary Guidelines are very helpful.

Reduced Dues are in effect for NEW MEMBERS ONLY from Feb. 1 through March 29. If you know someone who would like to take advantage of this by joining SJV/AGO now, please contact Lee Todd 559-683-0867.
