

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MUSIC PORTION OF YOUR SERVICE

Congratulations! You have decided to serve your church by conducting a service. With proper planning, your service will go smoothly. That includes the music. Music is an integral part of any service; your choices are important because many in our congregation are as moved by music as by the sermon.

Begin by choosing two hymns that fit with your theme. They do not have to be from the hymn book, but that should be your first choice for reference. In the back of the hymnal, there is a topical index that should help you. When choosing a hymn, feel free to consider the message the hymn conveys – relevance to your topic is important.

Once you have made your hymn selections, notify the Music Director. The Music Director will look at your hymn selections for singability. If it is not singable, the Music Director will assist you in choosing a different hymn. It may also be that the Music Director has other music in her collection – UU music not in the hymnal – that would be even more relevant to your topic, which she will suggest to you. The goal is to work together to make your service the best it can be.

Special music is performed during the offertory. Once a month, the choir performs. Or, it may be that special musicians or soloists are brought in. If you can contact that Music Director with your topic in time, every effort will be made to make the special music composition relevant to your topic. The Music Director makes the decision what music is performed during the offering and deals with the singers and musicians. The Music Director will let you know what and who is going to be performing during the offering so that you can include it in your order of service. When special musicians are brought in, they will probably be asked to do a second song toward the end of the service. The service leader and the Music Director need to work together to fit the second piece in.

What you need to do now:

Contact the Music Director with your topic and hymn choices 2 weeks before your service. The Music Director and contact information is:

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