

ClevelandNPM
The Cleveland Chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians Association
Newsletter April 2005

It's been a year since our last newsletter and this is one is short so that we can announce two events for the Chapter. These events are:

1. a Koinonia gathering on Pentecost. Beginning at 4:30 with sung Vespers, it will be a time to relax with other church musicians and to come together to share experiences.
2. the National NPM conference in Milwaukee. By registering through your local chapter you will get at least a 10% discount (more if many register that way) and if you want, you can car pool and or room share to lower costs of the convention.

Read on for more detail.

National Conference

If you have not attended an NPM conference before, you are in for a treat. With 3,000 to 5,000 church musicians gathered in one city your days are filled with activities – enough to please all tastes. There are visits to local churches for concerts and organ recitals, vocal and instrumental workshops, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and a full Eucharist in mid-week. (There is nothing to compare to sharing the Eucharist with several thousand singing participants – in four-part harmony!) In addition, many of the workshops are led by well-known composers whom you then meet one-on-one. Lots of informal and impromptu gatherings and plenty of time to share experiences with each other. The conference becomes a *retreat* and a time of *renewal*. When you return home, you will be refreshed and revitalized.

For those of you planning to attend the national convention this summer in Milwaukee, you can get a discount on the fee by signing up through your local Cleveland Chapter. The discount is based on the number of registrants sent in by us at one time. Our basic plan is that we will get at least 10 participants and hence you should make out your payment for 10% off = \$216.

Discounts are only for chapter members who are also NPM members. Without a group discount, advance convention registration fee for an NPM member is \$240.

To get this discount you must send in your check made out to “NPM: Cleveland Chapter” for \$216 to our Treasurer no later than May 4. Include the regular Convention Registration Form in your envelope. In the event we get more than 20 signing up, the discount becomes 15% and Melissa will compute the additional discount and refund money to you.

Note that this 10% discount is essentially the same as a Clergy/Musician Duo registration (\$215) so if you had planned on the Clergy/Musician Duo registration, sign up through the local chapter instead and give us the credit.

Stipulations from National

1. Each registrant must be a parish or individual *member of NPM*.
2. Each registrant must be a member of a permanent or temporary NPM Chapter.
3. Only one discount per registrant (*i.e., Chapter Discount cannot be combined with Parish or Clergy/Musician Duo Discount*).
4. No discount on Daily, Companion, or Child registrations.

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I wish to sign up for the group registration for the 2005 National NPM Convention in Milwaukee at a price of 10% off the regular Advance Registration price of \$240. In addition I am or I wish to become a **Chapter Member** of the ClevelandNPM and wish to pay my dues for 2005 in the amount of \$5.00. (Note parish membership is \$10) My check is enclosed and made out to “NPM Cleveland Chapter” in the amount of (check one) \$216 or \$221

My name is: _____ (address etc is on the enclosed Conf Registration Form)

In the future I wish to receive my newsletter by email only. No! Keep the “snail mail coming.

Please mail to: Melissa Gali-Bird, Ascension of Our Lord Church, 14040 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44135

If you want to share a ride with someone, let us know. Put a note in your registration packet and we will try to coordinate rides. Similarly if you need to share a room, we may be able to accommodate that, too. Indicate your preference – male/female – smoking/non and anything else.

At least one driver, Ruth, is planning to bypass Chicago and take the ferry across Lake Michigan from Muskegon to Milwaukee.

For those interested in possible ferry crossing Lake Michigan from Muskegon to Milwaukee the drive to Muskegon is about 5 1/2 hours

The trip is 2 1/2 hrs one way and is made 3 times a day. You can leave your car in Muskegon, or pay additional fare to ferry it across. For more information regarding the Lake Express Ferry, go to the web page

<http://www.lake-express.com/>

-The NPM Columbus OH Chapter is planning 2 buses to the convention and has invited any of our chapter interested to join them. Round trip cost is \$70. Contact [mailto:Liz Carle at rcarle4430@aol.com](mailto:Liz_Carle_at_rcarle4430@aol.com)

-Plane fare is dependent on travel dates, but could cost up to \$291+taxes/fees.

I've been told by a relative in Chicago that the travel around Chicago is definitely better than last year. If you wish to drive all the way there, plan another hour and a half beyond Chicago. Total trip to Milwaukee from Cleveland (down town to down town) – plan on 8 hours.

Koinonia Event scheduled for area pastoral musicians

Sr. Mary Joan Grisez, OSU has agreed to host our Pentecost gathering at St. Ladislav <http://www.stlads.org/> Church in Westlake. She will also plan Evening Prayer for us to begin at 4:30 pm on Sunday, May 15. This will be followed by a pot luck meal and informal fellowship. St. Ladislav is best accessed from Interstate 90 exiting the Crocker Bassett exit. and turn south, then turn left at Detroit Rd. Go about half a mile to the light at Bassett Rd. turn right.

Go about a mile and a half on Bassett. The church will be on the left side of the street. Reminders will be sent out via email, unless you have specifically requested snail mail or phone call on your chapter membership form.



Notes From the Director

It has been a difficult winter for many of us, particularly as we have been affected by weather and sickness. Spring has been greatly anticipated as we seek to be revived and renewed. I am hoping that we are not so tardy in getting the word out regarding NPM convention registration that you can still take advantage of our group discount. (I know a few of you sent in your registration to national long ago.) Now that Holy Week is behind us, we can catch up on some of our correspondence.

Whether or not you can attend the convention, the Koinonia event scheduled for Pentecost should also serve to revive and renew our spirits as we share with fellow pastoral musicians in an informal setting. If I can be of assistance in answering questions regarding either event, please feel free to call me.

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