

PHILOSOPHY OF CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

It is both our great joy and responsibility to glorify God in and through our love of music. As there is no “have to” in this life...save living, dying, and paying taxes...I am energized daily by the confidence that He has called me to a life of teaching, playing, sharing, composing, and conducting His music with and for children, youth, and adults, then standing back and witnessing, with His blessing, our musical offerings deepening our worship, engaging our congregations and audiences, and satisfying and changing the lives of participants, worshippers, and listeners alike.

I believe church music ministry should [1] express the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] enhance and enliven worship, [3] expand and extend our fellowship with fellow pilgrims, and [4] enrich and enwrap the congregation and surrounding artistic and concert-going communities through the offering of quality sacred music.

As the Church for many centuries has been the center of art and culture, one of my primary missions at every church I have been privileged to serve has been to preserve this tradition, and to bring to the community the finest of music and performance, pursuing the motto “Excellence in all things, and all things to God’s glory.” Whether in worship or in concert, a church music ministry ought to edify and inspire all listeners, and to effect a greater awareness of God’s love through His gift of music.\