

December 1, 2007

## **Greetings from the National Leadership Program for Musicians Board,**

You are the most important link in bringing LPM to life in local communities. Thanks to all of you who work so diligently to make LPM an important voice in music and worship in the church. The board realizes that many things about LPM have changed over the past two years. This letter is part of our on-going effort to communicate with you regularly. Please feel free to direct questions and concerns to us.

### **→ COORDINATOR TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION**

Coordinator training and recertification were offered at four locations in 2007. As part of the training, intensive sessions of information (budgets, grant applications, faculty development, streamlining costs, site alternatives and course modifications to fit the needs and skills of participants, resources and specific denominational options), teaching strategies, and practice with the new on-line delivery of the revised curriculum were offered.

### **→ COURSE REVISIONS AND ONLINE DELIVERY OF CURRICULUM**

Four course revisions were completed in 2007 and three more will be completed in the near future. LPM curriculum is now available on-line through Leader Resources. Access to the online curriculum is through a password given at the completion of coordinator or re-certification training. All persons who have been trained since 2005 in this new model have received this access. The expectation is that every active local program will have at least one person certified or re-certified by 2010. Training options for 2008 will be posted on the website soon.

### **→ TUITION**

Students enrolled in local programs pay a tuition fee per year. For many programs, that participant fee is \$500, a benchmark set by the national board as a goal. 20% or \$100 of that fee is requested by National LPM as the on-line licensing fee and for continuing curriculum development. As one might imagine, it has been expensive to put these materials online, to continue the revision process, and to offer coordinator and recertification training. We feel it is imperative to LPM's long-term goals that the program become self-sustaining (through licensing fees rather than the current dependence upon denominational support) as well as continuing to respond to the

changing needs of church musicians and delivering LPM materials in an efficient manner. Our suggestion to local programs (not at that tuition level) is to raise it in small increments by class (not by year) with 20% of that fee submitted to National LPM. We realize that this is a new model for LPM, but one that has immense implications and benefits to all of us. Local programs might seek additional funding through grants or private donations to provide scholarships or to offset the national support. The national board will be pleased to assist you with ideas for developing a plan.

→ *LPM WEBSITE* [www.lpm-online.org](http://www.lpm-online.org)

The website is constantly being updated so that it can be an efficient model of delivering the newest updates, provide information about LPM events, offer downloadable documents, brochures and other free materials (access to the curriculum is offered via a licensing fee through the Leader Resources website). This past year, we added an area on the homepage that lists not only national LPM events, but also is available to publicize your local LPM program. Information can now be found there that includes "On the Road" workshops, scholarships, LPM documents, graduates, links to other web resources. We want the website to be at your disposal to provide your local program additional support it may not have had in the past.

→ *FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

Financial statements from LPM are available upon request. We want our finances to be transparent to everyone.

We seek to honor your concerns with timely attention and proactive suggestions. As we continue the exciting and exhaustive process of making this curriculum the best it can be in delivery, style and scope of content, we seek your energy as well. Please complete the enclosed response card so that we might answer additional concerns and do advance planning to meet your needs.

Thank you in advance for your partnership.

In Christ,

John Marsh, Vice-Chair  
For the National LPM Board

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Area served \_\_\_\_\_

I was certified in \_\_\_\_\_2005 \_\_\_\_\_2006 \_\_\_\_\_2007

I plan to recertify in \_\_\_\_\_2008 \_\_\_\_\_2009 or 2010

Questions, concerns:

Suggestions about anything:

Can you give us an update on your local LPM program?