

March 20, 2006

Greetings from the National Leadership Program for Musicians Board,

Please accept our thanks to those of you who responded to the November 2005 letter. It offered advance notice of proposed changes in LPM and how they might affect you as the most important link in bringing LPM to life among the people.

The board met March 3-4 in Chicago and has defined several of the proposals.

→ ***COORDINATOR TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION***

Coordinator training and recertification at this summers conference in Columbus, Ohio were clearly outlined. Intensive sessions of information and practice with the new on-line delivery of the revised curriculum will be the heart of both. Four of the courses will be completed and three will be “works in progress” by July of 2006. Ecumenical delivery will be clarified and modeled. Licensing through coded access will be included in the fee for each participant. Registrants will be asked to submit concerns and questions in advance for effective use of the time. Additionally, practice with many teaching strategies, resources and options for specific denominations and assessment modifications will be detailed. Topics for discussion will include budgets, grant applications, selecting and managing faculty, streamlining costs, site alternatives and course modifications to fit the needs and skills of the participants. Attendance at other enhancement workshops during the conference will provide more growth and information opportunities. The expectation is that every active local program will have at least one person certified or re-certified by 2010.

→ ***TUITION:***

Students of the local programs pay a tuition fee per year and in many parts of the country that fee is currently at \$500.

20% or \$100 of that fee will be requested by National LPM
as the on-line licensing fee and for continuing curriculum development.

Our suggestion to local programs not currently 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. 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.

→ ***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:***

Financial statements from LPM are available upon request.

The National Board seeks to address 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,

Nathan Ensign
Etc.

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Name _____ Address _____

Area served _____

I plan to recertify in _____ 2006
_____ 2007
_____ 2008, 09 or 10.

Questions, concerns:

Suggestions about anything: