



LPM Program returns to the Atlanta area

The Leadership Program for Musicians (LPM) covers key areas in church music education, pastoral skills, leadership and confidence building. The program will be offered in greater Atlanta beginning Saturday, September 13. It is open to musicians, pastors, and lay persons of any denomination! The first session will be an Open House where interested parties can observe LPM in action at no charge at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Norcross. For complete information and a downloadable brochure with registration form, visit the LPM website (www.lpm-online.org) and look under “Upcoming Events” on the homepage.

The program seeks to respond to many concerns: church musicians working in small churches struggling with new ways of doing things and new materials; young people with potential skills to be a congregation's musician who need encouragement and support; established musicians who value an opportunity to gather and learn from one another; pastors and laity with an interest in the music of the church needing a boost to their worship lives.

The program can be taken in part or whole; in other words, you can take only the classes you need. If all requirements are met, the LPM Certificate in Church Music is awarded at the successful completion of the program. Classes call on participants' imagination and creativity. Attention is particularly given to the needs and ways of small churches.

The program's ultimate goals are to give participants an increased commitment to music ministry and self worth as lay ministers, to improve their musical, pastoral, and leadership skills, and to expand their own and their parishes' visions of the variety of music and leadership practices. Seven skillfully written courses give participants a well-rounded education: 1/Philosophy of Music Leadership/Ministry; 2/Teaching New Music to the Congregation; 3/Leadership of Congregational Song (guitar, piano, organ, cantor); 4/Hymnody; 5/Music and Liturgy; 6/Resources for an Effective Music Program; and 7/Principles of Choral Leadership.

The program begins on Saturday, September 13. Everyone is welcome to attend the Open House: you can observe either part or all of the day. If you have ANY questions, contact one of the three area coordinators: Joanne Brown, 404-545-3998, organist227@bellsouth.net; John Marsh, 770-449-1211, x109, marek2go@gmail.com; Sue Mitchell Wallace, 770-594-0949, suemwallace@bellsouth.net. A descriptive brochure with information tuition, locations and scholarship possibilities is available on the LPM website. For complete information about the Leadership Program for Musicians and its offerings, visit www.lpm-online.org.