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MEET THE FIRST RECIPIENTS OF THE MARTI RIDEOUT SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The first two recipients of the Marti Rideout Scholarship Fund: **Jolene Wickel**, above left, and **Linda Gamertsfelder**, above right. **Congratulations!** Everyone is encouraged to check the LPM web site for information on how to apply for next year's Marti Rideout Scholarship Fund.

Jolene has been interested in music her whole life and shares those gifts at St John's United Church of Christ and Bethany Christian Church in Burton, Texas, Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine, Texas and at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran in La Grange, Texas. Jolene has completed one year of LPM and the scholarship will help her complete the second year. She says that she has learned so much in the LPM coursework and is so appreciative of the tremendous support and encouragement she has received from the various clergy and congregations as well as the LPM faculty, John March, Marsha Seale, and Alyssa Loukota.

Linda sang in the church choir at First Presbyterian Church in Palacios, Texas for twenty-two years before being asked to take over as director. She has served in that capacity for two years and is looking forward to beginning her LPM studies to help her improve her skills.

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

YOUR LPM LOCAL PROGRAM FEES ARE NOW DUE TO NATIONAL LPM

Questions or concerns about those fees, which go toward the updating of the curriculum and other local program support? Contact Anna Leppert-Largent at the National LPM board office: www.lpm-online@sbcglobal.net, 989-791-3025, or at Leadership Program for Musicians, PO Box 2262, Saginaw, MI 48605.

SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME FOR A REUNION

Of your local LPM graduates, that is!

The National LPM Board and friends now offer “LPM style” workshops on a wide variety of topics of interest to church musicians and clergy in one-day workshop settings **at your church**. Contact us and we will offer help putting together your workshop, talk about available topics and instructors, suggest a fee structure that covers expenses, and offer ways to publicize your event. Anyone interested in music and liturgy in the church — musicians, pastors, worship leaders, choir members — should come no matter what church they attend. For complete information, go to www.lpm-online.org or phone **Anna Leppert-Largent at 989-791-3025**.

Did you hear? We're having an LPM graduates' reunion?

No! What are we going to do?

I'm not sure but I heard they've got a great day of workshops planned with some fine teachers coming. I really miss my LPM classes and am so glad for this opportunity to see everyone again and continue to improve my skills. You don't want to miss this!

You bet I don't! I'm going home to register right now!

THANK YOU DAVID O'STEEN!

Due to term limitations, David left the LPM Board after six years of service. In new board member elections, Nathan Ensign was re-elected to a second three-year term and Ellen Johnston joins the board for the first three-year term (of a possible two terms). We will miss David but will look forward to Ellen, a long time friend of LPM, joining us and to Nathan's continued good work.

Be sure and check out Ellen's bio at www.lpm-online.org!

Right: Jan Meyer, board chair, thanks David for his years of service on



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BOARD MEETING JUNE 5-6, 2007 in CHICAGO

The National LPM Board held its summer meeting at the ELCA Churchwide Offices in Chicago. Among other things, the Board worked hard on updating the web site and on the curriculum re-write that will soon be online. *Left, below: Nathan, Ensign, Sue Mitchell Wallace, and David O'Steen. Right below: Quincy Dobbs, Ken Courtney (standing), and Janet Loman.*



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Marti Rideout

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Marilyn Keiser
 Sue Mitchell Wallace

Contributor (\$5 to \$50)

Mildred Crocker

LPM is moving forward in some exciting ways! We are significantly updating our curriculum to make it more useful to more denominations. We are also putting it on-line to make it easier for coordinators and local faculty to access. All of this takes money. **We are asking for you to help the National LPM Board move forward with a gift of any size. Help LPM reach out to more congregations in more parts of the country.** We are also interested in talking with people who might like help us begin an endowment fund.

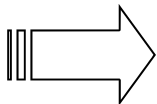
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The National LPM Board and students everywhere thank you for your support.



MAKE NOTE OF OUR NEW ADDRESS AND LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE PROGRAM IS DOING!

As part of the upgrading of the LPM curriculum, the National LPM Board is looking at being a better steward of the environment and of our finances. We are looking at doing this tri-annual newsletter on-line but we can't do that if we don't have your correct e-mail address.

If you are interested in receiving this publication electronically, please send your correct e-mail address to Anna Leppert-Largent at **lpm-online@sbcglobal.net**. Under “Subject” list “LPM Newsletter.”

We also want to hear from you: how is your local LPM program doing? Is it active or taking a break from classes for awhile? Who are the students and faculty? Please send all correspondence and/or changes of address, phone, and/or e-mail to:

Leadership Program for Musicians, PO Box 2262, Saginaw, MI 48605.

Or contact us at www.lpm-online.org using the “Contact LPM” link.

Though we hate to lose friends, if you'd like to be taken off our mailing list, use the above contact information to let us know.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
JAN MEYER

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STATEMENT:

The Leadership Program for Musicians, Inc. (LPM) seeks to prepare capable and confident musical leaders who will enable their congregations to sing well and take their part in the liturgy of the church.

It is my great pleasure to encourage you to take "note" of all the positive advances LPM is making right now! The website offers the very latest information about the many opportunities which are being developed to assist congregational worship teams of any denomination. The new and revised curriculum is in the final edit stages and will be released to the coordinators trained or re-certified since 2005 very soon. There is still one opportunity for that training this summer at the Calvin Grant reduced fee. Our "On the Road" workshops are ready to come to you...just tell us what you might need in your church or your area, and we will work together to meet those needs. The first two Marti Rideout Scholarships have been awarded and we celebrate the commitment of these two musicians. Watch for us at conferences around the country as we seek to meet you! Please know that you can always contact any of us on the National LPM Board at any time through the website! Have a great summer! May LPM support and skills enrich your musical life and that of your worshippers.