



# Leadership Program for Musicians eNewsletter July 2008

**LPM prepares capable and confident worship leaders who will enable their congregations to sing well and take their part in the liturgy of the church.**

Welcome to this premiere edition of the LPM eNewsletter. You will want to take note of the latest news from the National LPM Board below. Please [let us know](#) what you think of the new LPM newsletter format!

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## Upcoming LPM Events

### [South Portland, ME](#)

LPM at UCCMA Conference  
17 Jul, 2008

### [Canton, MS](#)

LPM at the  
[Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy](#)  
30 Jul - 3 Aug, 2008  
New - [LPM Coordinator / Recertification training](#)  
31 July 2008

### [Moorhead, MN](#)

"On the Road"  
Workshop  
27 Sep, 2008

## Additional LPM Certification / Recertification training added

## LPM Curriculum Distribution Update Change in fee structure and Password Access

LPM is evolving to meet changing needs, and you are the most important link in the life of LPM. The input we have received these past two years during coordinator and recertification training sessions as well as from calls and e-mails have been invaluable. It is together that LPM works best - local programs and National LPM Board. We are here for you!

The Board values and supports the original vision of LPM: that our curriculum is at its best when it is taught by certified coordinators and faculty in a relational environment - teachers and students, and students to students. Local programs have been the hallmark of LPM over its 15 years with some 538 graduates to date, and will continue to be so.

The curriculum was posted on the LeaderResources website ([www.leaderresources.org/lpm](http://www.leaderresources.org/lpm)) for online delivery in 2007. As so many of you have informed us, this delivery system is working well. We hope to continue hearing from all of you on your LPM experiences and the LeaderResources curriculum access.

To financially support this delivery system and the other on-going LPM needs (curriculum updates, additional teaching materials, coordinator and recertification training, "On the Road" workshops, scholarship assistance, etc.), the Board requested that local LPM programs share in this work that benefits them by returning to LPM a goal of 20% of tuition income they receive. This request has been circulated over the past 2 ½ years, but has not prompted the financial support hoped for.

LPM has been financially supported throughout its history, in part, by the denominations it services. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Episcopal Church USA are the major source of funding for the National LPM Board; more recently, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and United Church of Christ Musicians Association have also contributed. Times are changing. The income received by national church denominations from local dioceses and synods has been reduced, and the denominations, in turn, have reduced funding to the programs they support. We still receive some funding from all four partner denominations but with denominational changes we have been advised not to rely on this support forever. So the National LPM Board needs to be a faithful steward of the resources given to us and find alternate means of funding to help insure LPM's survival and relevance for future generations of church musicians.

To cut expenses and commit a majority of our funds to local programs, the Board has committed themselves to doing its business with only one face-to-face meeting per year (instead

## in July

An additional session of [LPM Coordinator & Recertification training](#) has been added as part of the [2008 Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy](#) on July 31, 2008. [Click here](#) for tuition and registration information.

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of two) and conduct our business for the rest of the year via conference calls and e-mails. In addition, working hours for the Consultant-Coordinator have been reduced. As always, the budget for the National LPM Board's work is available to anyone for review.

Our curriculum has always been our greatest asset. Any organization that hopes to be an effective force for ministry in the church must use its assets effectively. So, beginning immediately, access to the online curriculum through LeaderResources will be available on a fee basis: **\$100 per year, per course for currently certified LPM coordinators; \$195 per year, per course for coordinators with expired training; \$495 per year, per course for others.** You pay your fee at the LeaderResources website and they issue a password.

At \$100/per course, the cost for each of the ten sessions in each course is only \$10, which divided among the number of participants is indeed an insignificant cost.

While the Board struggled to balance local needs with financial viability, we realize that these changes present local coordinators with additional challenges. **To assist active local LPM programs transitioning to this new system, rebates are being offered in the amount of \$25 per course when purchased through the LeaderResources website. This brings the price per course down to \$75/each.** Contact Anna Leppert-Largent for a rebate coupon to use when making purchases at the LeaderResources website.

The National LPM 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. The Consultant-Coordinator or any member of the Board can be reached via the [Contact Page](#) on the LPM website ([www.lpm-online.org](http://www.lpm-online.org)).

Thank you in advance for your partnership.

In Christ,

John Marsh, Chair  
For the National LPM Board

## New Information on LPM Website

Recently new information has been added to the LPM website ([www.lpm-online.org](http://www.lpm-online.org)) for LPM Coordinators. In the [Documents](#) section there are now various helps and aids for starting and running local LPM programs. Check it out today and let us know what you think.

The screenshot shows the LPM website interface. At the top right, it says "Welcome to LPM". Below that is a navigation menu with tabs for Home, About, Leadership, Leadership, Documents, Documents, and Contact. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column is titled "Upcoming LPM Events" and lists several events with dates and locations. The middle column is titled "The Leadership Program for Bishops" and contains text about the program. The right column is titled "Food for Thought" and features a photo of a group of people sitting around a table, with text below it.



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