

# Concordia Institute for Music Ministry and Liturgy

*Seasons of Faith: Songs and Psalms for the Liturgical Year  
Advent, Christmas, and Time after Epiphany*

October 2, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## ***Purpose***

The purpose of the event is to *deepen our understanding and experience of worship as leaders and planners* so that worship in our congregations might be enriched.

## ***Overall Description***

Following Morning Prayer, the morning session will address the background, theology, and major themes of the seasons of *Advent, Christmas, and Time after Epiphany*, highlighting appropriate liturgical and musical resources for each, based on the lectionary. The afternoon breakout sessions will focus on our various areas of interest and roles in worship, e.g., vocal and choral ensembles, organ/keyboard, cantors, technology, musical instruments, and preaching.

## ***Schedule***

9:00 a.m. Hospitality  
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. Plenary: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: background, theology, and major themes  
11:30 a.m. Group sharing: Best practices in your congregation

## **12:00 Noon Lunch (provided)**

1:00 p.m. Breakout sessions (depending on interest):

- Vocal/choral: the vocal ensemble as worship leader; the small, tenor-less choir; choosing music appropriate for the season and size of ensemble; psalmody
- Organ/Keyboard: leading congregational song; basic repertoire; how to move from piano to the organ bench
- Cantors: proclaiming the Word of God in song; psalmody; assessing existing skills; techniques to improve vocal sound and leadership role
- Technology: using the computer and internet in your music ministry; notation programs, desktop publishing, and graphics; creating worship aids; copyright issues
- Musical Instruments: incorporating instruments in hymns and psalms; basic handbell/handchime ideas
- Preaching: lectionary themes

2:30 p.m. Closing

## ***Cost***

\$20 per person, including lunch and resources (the fifth person from a congregation - free!)

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