



NPM Wichita Noteworthy

Musicians Workshop

What a great turnout for the musician's workshop held on January 26. The format of a general session in the morning and afternoon, with breakout options that followed seemed to work very well. Every attendee walked away with something useful and had a variety of sessions to choose from.



Thanks to our presenters: Carole Pracht, Melissa Seiler, Dee Burke, Kitty Michot, Christopher Dean, Fr. John Hay, and Jim Jones. A

special thanks to Mary Smith, and the parishioners of St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Augusta for hosting our workshop.

The chapter has set the last Saturday of January as the date for the musician's workshop. Even numbered years will have an outside presenter or well-known composer/singer. Odd number years will have presenters from the local and regional area. See information about our 2020 workshop presenter below.



Did you miss the workshop? The workshop was promoted in a variety of ways and we're still striving to find the best means of doing so. Emails were sent to all musicians who attended the musician's blessing that was held in the fall. We've placed ads in The Catholic Advance (be sure to look for our NPM Corner in every issue). Most every parish has a liaison. Direct emails were sent to that contact with the hopes they would also spread the word. Our website is also a great source for information, activities, and upcoming events for the chapter.

2020 Musician's Workshop

Our workshop presenter on January 25, 2020 is ValLimar Jansen, a highly regarded inspirational/catechetical speaker, singer, composer and recording artist. She is also a college professor, a leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter at conferences across the US and abroad. ValLimar tours as an inspirational speaker, author, storyteller, psalmist, song leader, principal vocalist and emcee. ValLimar has been a keynote speaker and presenter at many major events, including the NPM Conventions. We are thrilled to welcome ValLimar to the Diocese of Wichita!

More details will be released soon. Please watch the website for additional information. St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Andover, will host the workshop.

Find all things NPM Wichita on our website: npmwichita.org and follow our [Facebook](#) page! Questions? Contact Tom Wierman: director@npmwichita.org



Tom Wierman,
Chapter Director



Upcoming Events

February 17, 2019

Board Meeting

2—4 p.m.

St. Jude Church

3030 N Amidon, Wichita

March 17, 2019

Board Meeting

2—4 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

123 N Andover Rd, Andover

March 30, 2019

Networking Roundtable

9—11 a.m.

St. Jude—Parish Hall

3030 N Amidon, Wichita

April 28, 2019

Annual Meeting

Church of the Magdalen—Parish Hall

12626 E 21st St N, Wichita

June 23, 2019

Handbells, Ice Cream and Music Reading Session

St. Vincent de Paul

123 N Andover Rd, Andover

July 16-19, 2019

NPM National Convention

Raleigh, NC

Registration is open at npm.org

August or September (TBA)

Pastoral Musician Blessing

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

January 25, 2020

Pastoral Musician's Workshop

Presenter: ValLimar Jansen

Board Position

Election of Chapter Secretary will take place at the annual meeting. We are looking for someone interested in joining the board in that role. It is a two-year elected board position. Contact Director@npmwichita.org for more details.



David Haas in Concert

David will be in concert May 3, 2019. His concert, "I Will Bring You Home: An Evening of Songs of Prayer & Stories of Faith" will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Nativity of Mary Church, 10017 E 36th Terrace South, Independence, MO. Several NPM members from Wichita are planning to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Director@npmwichita.org.



Chapter Memberships are Due

Thank you to all who have renewed their NPM Wichita chapter membership or joined for the very first time. We greatly appreciate your support.

Memberships run for a calendar year and are only \$20. The \$20 fee covers all the events for the entire year. As a newer chapter we don't have a large bank account, so we rely on the membership fees to cover some of our expenses of our various events. You can mail your payment or better yet, renew it online with a credit card or PayPal account. www.npmwichita.org. Renewing today will help us reduce the number of phone calls that will be made. Please help us and renew today.

Youth Choir Formation

Terence Truong, board member for Youth and Young Adults is seeking information about youth musician participation. Please Terence's request below and respond directly to him.

Hello Pastoral Musicians,

My name is Terence Truong, and I am the Young and Young Adults Chairperson for the Wichita Chapter National Pastoral Musicians. I am honored to serve the greater Wichita community in a position to encourage youth and young adult participation in the liturgies. I am writing to you all to ask about what your parishes have done to encourage youth and young adult participation, whether that is having a youth choir or youth musicians accompanying the Masses. If you are a parish that wants to start a youth choir or incorporate youth musicians and need help, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! You can reach me at ttruong95@gmail.com and let me know how your parishes are doing.

As St. Augustine once said, "He who sings, prays twice."

In Christ,

Terence Truong
Youth and Young Adults Chairperson, National Pastoral Musician
Organist, Church of the Magdalen

Young Liturgical Musician Initiative

The chapter is taking nominations for the Young Liturgical Musician Initiative. This will be our second year of this program.

The chapter seeks to direct young musicians to view service as a liturgical musician as a stewardship opportunity. This is to encourage and further the youths' liturgical music participation beyond high school and while in college and to stay connected to music ministry from youth through adulthood.

At the NPM Wichita Annual Meeting on April 28, in relation to the Young Liturgical Musician Initiative, awards for Novice, Apprentice, and Minister will be presented as recognition of music milestones. The approximate age bracket for each of these 3 categories would be a young student as Novice, high school age as Apprentice, and college age or older as Minister.

For more information, and to nominate a deserving young musician, see the Resources page at npmwichita.org