

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”:

At Home on the Journey

“Never make your home in a place.... that way it will go with you wherever you journey.”

- American fantasy author Tad Williams

The terms “Church home” and “Church family” are used almost as often - and bizarrely often along with - “Faith journey”. Our churches are often much less homes to us and our congregations than rest stops along way of our busy lives - but the language above suggests they can be much more. And in God’s house, there is usually music playing.

Join United Methodist Pastor, hymn writer and musician Dan Damon as he lends his unique perspective to experiencing and offering ‘home’ in our churches, and to a degree in our music. Dan and his partner and colleague, Eileen Johnson, will lead sessions on making music that provides some of the furnishings, the decor - and perhaps also the heart we and our congregations seek in a home for the journey. Sessions will explore the practical use of words, instruments, musical vision and relationships to help make God’s house a home for you, for your congregation, and for your community.

“All people need a home where they can feel secure, Where common needs are known and met, A home that will endure. A home that will endure.”

- excerpt from a Dan Damon hymn

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2017 Highlights

- Gala Choral and Organ concert on Thursday, July 13th, led by Dr. Evelyn Grieger and Dr. Patricia Wright, featuring the world premiere of a new anthem by Patrick Murray composed in honour of Dr. Wright's induction as a Fellow of the Summer Institute of Church Music
- Rev. Dr. John J. Mastandrea will serve as the 2017 chaplain. Rev. Mastandrea has been Minister of Spiritual Growth and Pastor Care Development at Metropolitan United Church, in Toronto, since 2000
- "At Home on the Journey" will explore modern hymn text writing, jazz and pop piano and other challenges we face as church musicians in the 21st century
- Choral Reading Session led by Mark Ruhnke, in partnership with St. John's Music
- More optional concurrent workshops
- Discount available to SICM full time registrants who also register for the Hymn Society conference in Kitchener-Waterloo

2017 Daily Program

- Daily chapel worship and a chaplaincy to church musicians, their challenges and issues
- Daily classes in organ and choral music, including techniques and practical tools
- Nightly choral rehearsal open to full-time students and local choristers wishing to prepare and perform in the final concert

Evelyn Grieger

Choral

Evelyn Grieger, choral instructor, holds degrees from the University of Lethbridge, the University of Alberta and the University of



Illinois, Urbana- Champaign. Dr. Grieger has taught at a number of post- secondary institutions in Alberta and Illinois. Her vast conducting experience includes many choirs at these institutions, as well as a number of community and church choirs.

In addition to being the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Edmonton, she teaches undergraduate conducting at The King's University.

Evelyn also keeps busy presenting choral workshops with all kinds of choirs (community, church, school) and guest conducting in and around Edmonton and beyond. A current interest is identifying and gathering together church choirs from the Edmonton area for workshops, collaboration and encouragement.

Dan Damon

Piano/Modern Hymn

Text Writing

Dan Damon is an internationally published writer of hymn texts and tunes and a teacher of



church music at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. The pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Richmond, California, and a long-time piano soloist, Dan plays the blues in San Francisco Bay Area clubs on Saturday nights and gospel on Sunday mornings.

Dan is a Fellow of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, Associate Editor of Hymnody for Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, Illinois, and a member of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. His works have appeared in many denominational hymnals and have been



recorded by various artists over the years.

Dan is married to Eileen M. Johnson, an accomplished church musician, currently serving as Music Director at El Sobrante United

Methodist Church, California. Eileen also assists Dan in presenting his hymns at concerts and workshops.



Patricia Wright

Organ

Dr. Patricia Wright has been Director of Music and Organist of Metropolitan United Church since September 1986, where she

plays the largest pipe organ in Canada, conducts adult and children's choirs, manages a concert series and oversees a varied programme of arts in worship. In September of 2010, she was covenanted as the United Church's first Congregational Designated Minister of Music. A graduate of Carnegie- Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Dr. Wright holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Yale University as a student in the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Her teachers have included Donald Wilkins, Charles Krigbaum, Nadia Boulanger, Jean Langlais, and Michael Schneider.

Active as a recitalist, adjudicator, and clinician, Dr. Wright has been heard in recital in Canada, the United States, and Europe and has been broadcast on CBC. She has held positions in New Haven and Ottawa, has taught at the University of Ottawa, and has served as a judge at various organ competitions.

Dr. Wright currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Organ at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto, and is cross-appointed as an Adjunct Professor to Victoria University as part of the Master of Sacred Music program at Emmanuel College.

Registration Types

Full-time resident registration (\$765) Includes accommodation, all sessions & meals, Sun. evening to Fri. morning. Within women's residence, optional shared room lowers this fee to \$730.

Full-time day registration (\$410) Includes Sun. dinner, lunch & dinner Mon. to Thurs. Other meals available as needed. All day & evening sessions, choral rehearsals & concerts included.

Part-time registration (\$110/day) Lunch included; accommodation & other meals available as needed. Evening sessions, choral rehearsals & concerts included.

Chorister registration (\$100) is membership in the SICM Chorale, which performs the Gala Closing Concert on Thurs. of Institute Week. Chorister registrants begin their week on Sun., with rehearsal at 4 pm at Trafalgar Castle School; complimentary welcome dinner & concert; and then 8 pm rehearsal. Rehearsals continue evenings through the week and culminate in the Gala Concert on Thurs.

** Register before April 30, 2017 and receive a \$50 early bird discount.*

How to Register

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2. Fill in and mail a registration form to Dawn Duncliffe, Registrar
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