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Report

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Worship

**“the believer’s response with all that he/she [the believer] is —
mind, body, will, emotions —
to all that God is, says, and does.”**

Warren Wiersbe, from *Real Worship*

Scriptural References

- ♪ *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.* Psalms 150:6
- ♪ *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.* Colossians 3:16

Concern 1

For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine.

Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them

a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3

- **Many of our constituents would rather attend the conferences of popular television ministries than attend NBC USA, Inc.**
- We must provide worthy avenues of preparing and leading our people in worship.
- We must remain doctrinally sound while embracing contemporary trends for the 21st century.

Concern 2

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. Psalms 150:6

- **The new music (worship) ministries are including choirs, instrumental ensembles (band, orchestra, recorder choir, hand bell choir, etc.), dance, mime, drama, puppets, visual arts, and audio-visual technology.**
- We can become leaders in teaching and training our constituents in how to include and maintain these additions without perverting the Gospel.

Concern 3

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. 1 Corinthians 14:40

- **As a Christian ministry, we are called to be faithful, while doing things “decent and in order.” Discipline is required in the arts; therefore, we must promote training and proficiency.**
- We need to encourage our talented members to seek godly preparation for ministry in the church.
- Our constituents must also be trained in how to seek qualified personnel, and what to do when that does not happen right away.

Concern 4

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

- **I am concerned with the diminishing use of and the lack of appreciation for anthems, hymns and spirituals in our churches.**

- ♪ **Anthems** are the written Word of God set to music.
- ♪ **Hymns** are to make us hungry for God; they are devotional and show our response to God's attributes.
- ♪ The **spiritual** is the Christian folksong of an oppressed people, and of God's faithfulness through that time. It is also the first truly American music type.
- ♪ **Gospel** music certainly has its place. God is still gifting people to write songs of praise and adoration to Him.
- ♪ Among other things, the **praise and worship chorus** serves as a choral invocation, inviting God's presence into the worship celebration.

- **All of these types should be consistently evident in our worship celebrations.**

Concern 5

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4:23-24

- **Worship must become a priority in our Convention/Congress sessions. We must be deliberate in transitioning delegates from business to worship through meaningful**

calls to worship, prepared songs, prayer and Scripture and remain in worship throughout the period.

- We can do this by being deliberate and inclusive in our **worship planning**. Our pre-Convention/Congress planning should include worship arts personnel in all phases of worship preparation.
- Along with leading the congregation in worship, this includes pre-inviting groups to serve in specific worship settings.
- This will also include logistically preparing for large or small groups that will minister on the platform during the week, i.e. placement of group for maximum visibility, adequate microphones and placement of those microphones (solo versus group microphones, etc.), adequate video capability so the congregation can “feel” the groups serving even if they are sitting in the top balcony.
- This will further include the use of PowerPoint to display song lyrics, Scripture, announcements, etc.

Concern 6
Job Placement

- **Our churches need to be able to find qualified staff persons, and our trained persons must be able to find suitable employment.**
- This can be done by keeping an up-to-date **Job Placement** link on the website, and by encouraging churches and persons seeking employment to utilize it, sending in their needs.

The Mission of The Music (and Arts) Auxiliary is to foster, throughout the NBC, USA, Inc., a biblically based and doctrinally sound worship paradigm that encourages, empowers, and employs the comprehensive, sacred artistic expressions within the Body of Christ with excellence, inspiring the continuous praise and pleasure which God desires and deserves.

As an Auxiliary, we will...

- ✓ **Educate** church leaders (i.e. pastors, ministers of music (worship), staff, etc.) in the area of the worship arts.
- ✓ **Expose** church leaders to different forms of worship expressions.
- ✓ **Equip** church leaders by providing the necessary worship resources to meet the specific needs of your ministry.
- ✓ **Empower** church leaders by granting people the opportunity to employ new artistic expressions of worship in this auxiliary/convention.
- ✓ **Evangelize** in the sense that persons who have gone through the above process will become advocates for a comprehensive, sacred, artistic, music expression.

Our Immediate Needs:

- The prayers of the saints

- We need everyone to fill out a Survey Form
- We need pastors to encourage their Worship Arts' personnel (i.e. Minister of music, dance ministries leaders, audio-visual engineers, etc.) to register and participate in the Auxiliary
- Visit the website often for updates and developments in the Music Auxiliary; nationalbaptist.com; departments link
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