

## GUIDELINES FOR LHCC CHOIR MEMBERS

Participating in worship services as a choir member is a sacred responsibility, not to be taken lightly. Choir members offer their God-given talents to the faith for a variety of reasons. For most, it is a part of their stewardship - the giving of their time and talents. For others, it is something that is enjoyable, and for still others, it is a social outlet. Set out below are some useful tips for making the choir experience enjoyable and uplifting for everyone.

Rehearsal: Every Thursday from 2:00PM - 3:30PM (1:30-3:30PM through Christmas)

1. Attendance - Regular, punctual, prepared
2. Absences - Notify Director or church secretary
3. Socialize before or after, not during
4. Warm up your voice before you arrive by singing gently for about 5 minutes
5. Keep talking to a minimum
6. Study your part while the director is working with others (i.e. Don't Talk)
7. Listen to the director's instructions - no one else's
8. Keep your music in a position where you can see the director at all times
9. Be respectful of each other and the director
10. Keep scents to a minimum (if at all)

Music - Take responsibility:

1. Return used music promptly to top of cart
2. Make markings in pencil only
3. Put your number in the top right hand corner of any new music you are given
4. Keep music in order in black folder
5. Be sensitive to tempo, balance, dynamics, articulation and phrasing
6. Take time during the week to practice music for Sunday

NOTE: The church pays for this music on average approximately \$2.25 per copy. If we purchase 45 copies, that's \$100+ not including shipping and handling. We also pay the same amount for downloaded music (those pieces that appear to be photocopies). Keep in mind that additional copies may not be available for members who inadvertently forget or lose their music.

Sunday Service: Choir Practice begins at 8:55AM

1. 9:55AM: Before the service, gather in "green room" for prayer
2. Process into sanctuary and take your place
3. Remain standing until director signals to be seated
4. Understand the meaning of the hymns and their significance to the service

Outreach

1. Encourage others to join the choir
2. Be supportive of those in the process of joining the choir
3. Make new members feel welcome and comfortable
4. Be a "mentor" to newcomers by assisting with music, line-up, etc.

Education

1. Take advantage of opportunities to improve musicianship
2. New repertoire offers a chance to improve sight reading skills
3. Rehearse at home by listening to new repertoire on [www.Sheetmusicplus.com](http://www.Sheetmusicplus.com), or [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).