

Fall/Winter 2020

Dear Friend,

"I'm reminded of a song about that..." I find myself saying to others in conversations about all the happenings in today's world. The song "He's Never Failed Me, Yet" often comes to mind and is a favorite of many of our choir members. The words to this song fit in so many circumstances that we face from day-to-day: job uncertainty, election results, outcomes of blood tests and biopsies, etc. Our God is always with us and will never fail us!



This year begins our 55<sup>th</sup> year of the Metropolitan Choir of Praise. Our season did not begin as we had hoped. The board needed to make some difficult decisions on how to proceed with all the recommendations on Covid presented by the health department. Since our rehearsal location was a church and could not allow rental of their sanctuary, the choir met on several Thursday nights at an outdoor picnic shelter, wearing masks, and sitting six feet apart. We even had an opportunity to sing outside of the Grandville Public Library on October 10. We miss singing in our nursing homes and senior retirement centers. We are eager to return and share the ministry of music again with them hopefully this spring. But now with Covid cases rising, and the weather turning colder, the board has decided that we must suspend our rehearsals until the beginning of January 2021.

I am sure you have heard the term "essential" many times during the past eight months. Essential workers and front-line workers are applauded for their work in keeping the economy going and keeping us safe and healthy. But our choir considers you, our Ministry Partners, to be essential as well. By partnering with us in our ministry, will allow us to continue our ministry of music in the Grand Rapids area.

We are again or maybe for the first time, asking you to partner with us to share the Good News in song by being a Ministry Partner of the Metropolitan Choir of Praise. Ministry Partner contributions are the main source of financial support of our ministry. In addition to our partners, funding is received through choir member dues, fundraisings, and concerts, but due to Covid restrictions our fundraising and concert revenues are no longer received.

Will you partner this us again this year? Ministry Partners who contribute will be recognized in the choir concert program this spring and on our webpage, <https://metropolitanchoir.org>. Please complete the enclosed form, circle the appropriate amount, and check the box if you wish to receive a receipt. Also, let us know if you wish to remain anonymous. Please return the form with your check in the enclosed envelope.

Partner with us for another year of singing!

Marcia Bolt  
Ministry Partner Drive Coordinator

*Our mission: The purpose of the Metropolitan Choir of Praise is to use music to proclaim the Gospel according to God's Word as given to us in the Bible, and to praise, honor, and glorify the Triune God.*