



GOMSF Church Music Federation Ministry
Individual Stewardship and Parish Contribution Appeal
2019-2020

Reverend Fathers and beloved Church Musicians,
Glory to God for another liturgical year to serve Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the rich hymnology of our Church!

This is a wonderful time of year to look again at our mission statement found in our Organization Guide:

Our Ministry seeks to glorify God through the love, support, education, and promotion, of the rich musical traditions of our Orthodox Christian faith.

It is the time when we ask ourselves, ***“What are the practical outcomes of such a statement?”*** This year we take great encouragement in all the many ways we will be serving our parishes and church musicians:

- Offering spiritually enriching and educational Church Music Institutes to any parish wishing to work with the Ministry in presenting a day (or more!) of fellowship and learning. These Institutes may be customized to serve the special requests of the parish.
- Presenting an annual conference to bring church musicians together from throughout the Metropolis for a weekend filled with fellowship and growth with talented directors, gifted clinicians, and impressive presenters.
- Serving our youth through special Youth CMIs, retreats, publications and recordings.
- Reaching out to parishes and church musicians through our website, quarterly newsletters, and monthly e-mail updates to make them aware of the resources and programs of the Ministry.
- Responding to all requests for resources and assistance to any parish that contacts the Ministry.

None of this significant outreach and ministry is possible without the love and generous financial support of our dedicated church musicians and their parishes. You may be aware that as we have transformed and re-vitalized our ministry, we no longer consider it appropriate to charge dues to our parishes, as we consider them co-participants with our church musicians in offering the resources of the Ministry. However, we pray that parishes will continue to support the ministry with a minimum contribution of \$75 each year, sponsoring the individual stewardship of their church musicians, or both, as the practice of many faithful parishes has been in the past.

We remain so grateful to our dedicated stewards and parishes for all they have done for the love of the music of our church in previous years, and pray that we may continue to rely upon you for sustaining our work by your generosity.

Respectfully in Christ,
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