



YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

SING—LIFT UP YOUR VOICE!

- COME to a gospel workshop—better yet, bring your choir.
- INVITE family and friends to give gospel music a try—it's contagious!
- JOIN the Wisconsin GOSPELLERS and sing your heart out all over the state—and in Germany!

VOLUNTEER

- HOST a visiting Wisconsin GOSPELLER or international tour guest in your home.
- PROMOTE Wisconsin GOSPELLER gospel WORKSHOPS and concerts in your community and congregation.
- SCHEDULE a gospel CONCERT for your congregation—then help organize it and fill the pews!
- PROVIDE HOSPITALITY for visiting and touring gospel groups—coffee and kuchen, potluck suppers, bag lunches, transportation.

GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Wisconsin GOSPELLERS ministry depends on the strong support of congregations and individuals whose generous contributions help defray the cost of gospel workshop faculty, soloists, instrumentalists, music and practice CDs for the GOSPELLERS.

When the German choirs tour in our state, substantial funds are needed to cover hospitality costs such as transport, group admissions to local attractions, welcome gifts, cash for occasional restaurant meals, recording, videography, publicity.

If you would like to support this innovative ministry financially, send a check with "Gospel Ministry" in the memo line to: attn: Tracy Hauge, Wisconsin Conference UCC, PO Box 435, DeForest WI 53532-0435

THANK YOU for your interest and support.

The Wisconsin Conference **GOSPELLERS**

Invite you to JOIN US in music ministry



SING your heart out!

LEARN gospel music traditional style—from enthusiastic teachers

SHARE God's message in song

PARTICIPATE in intercultural exchange and collaboration
with the German church

SUPPORT this statewide and international ministry

TRY US OUT!

The Wisconsin Conference GOSPELLERS
www.wisconsingospellers.org

OPEN YOUR HEART to GOSPEL MUSIC—JOIN the GOSPELLERS!

- SING!** **gospel music** in a Wisconsin-wide choir.
- LEARN!** **new songs gospel style** from outstanding teachers at our gospel workshops. You don't have to be a great singer or accomplished musician—all voices are welcome.
- PERFORM!** **in concert** at churches around the state—rehearse on Saturday, perform that evening and again in worship on Sunday morning.
- SHARE!** **the joy of gospel music**—even the same songs—with our partners in Germany.
- HOST!** **our partners from Germany** when they come to tour in Wisconsin—joining them in the songs we have learned in common!
- SING IN GERMANY!** with the Wisconsin Conference GOSPELLERS on tour and our German partners there—who sing with us on our shared repertoire.

Note: When preparing for a German tour we rehearse for a full year in advance, gathering for one or more 24-hour retreats and rehearsing at a central Wisconsin location one full Saturday a month.

MEET THE GOSPELLERS

- The current Wisconsin GOSPELLERS hail from all four Associations of the Wisconsin Conference—from Brule to Janesville, River Falls to Kenosha.
- Many sing in their church choirs, some come from churches without choirs, a few never sang in a choir before attending a GOSPELLERS-sponsored gospel workshop.
- Almost all have experienced the joy of a concert tour in Germany under our partnership with the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg-schlesische Oberlausitz and the Westend Gospel Singers of Eberswalde.
- Martin Ulrich, Associate Professor of German and Music at Lakeland College and Director of Music at First Congregational Church, Sheboygan, directs the GOSPELLERS and coordinates soloists, section leaders, accompanists, and instrumentalists.

A BIT ABOUT OUR HISTORY

Begun as an international people-to-people exchange, with gospel music (sung in English) as the international language, the Wisconsin Conference gospel ministry partnership with the German church has flourished for nearly a decade. German gospel choirs have come twice to Wisconsin on tour, and are returning in September 2014.

The Wisconsin GOSPELLERS have made two trips to Germany, including three concerts in Poland in 2012. Plans for a 2016 tour are in the works. This unique choir fellowship of singing God's praise in a common tongue and the incredible hospitality of host families and congregations in both countries continue to be priceless treasures for everyone involved.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Beginning in 2013, the GOSPELLERS started a tradition of singing one or two concerts each year at different locations around Wisconsin. In the years ahead, we hope to continue this weekend gospel retreat ministry, visiting churches in all the Associations, joining forces with local choirs and musicians to bring live gospel music to every part of the state.

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED—COME TRY US OUT!

The best way to get involved with the Wisconsin GOSPELLERS is by joining us at one of our gospel workshops where we learn new songs and freshen up our repertoire under the guidance of gospel greats, including Robert Robinson, “the Pavarotti of gospel”

Newcomers are always welcome to sit in at rehearsals and learn concert music. Soloists and instrumentalists can contact music director Martin Ulrich to explore opportunities.

For more information on GOSPELLERS membership, and to sign up for periodic E-updates, visit our website: www.wisconsingospellers.org

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