

# SONG WRITING

## PURPOSE:

To develop the ability to express spiritual thoughts and feelings in the form of song. It provides an outlet for a young person's musical interest and talent in the context of the Lord's service. Our hope is that some of these participants will grow up to write compositions suitable for publication and use by future generations of worshipers.

## PROCESS:

Each participant will:

- Write an original a cappella composition relating to the current year's theme
- Include a recorded CD of the song sung by the participant (preferably).
- Mail **two copies** of the song and title page to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline.

The Church coordinator or coach will:

- Complete all General Event Rules (p 19) and Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

The Event Coordinator will:

- Complete all General Event Rules (p 19) and Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

The Judge will:

- Complete all Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

## RULES:

1. Write an original melody and original lyrics. Do not write words "to be sung to the tune of" an existing melody. No awards will be given for lyrics only. The lyrics must adhere to this year's LTC theme. You may, instead of writing original lyrics, set a scripture text to music, in which case you must note that fact on your title page.
2. Harmony is not required, although proper harmonic chords may enhance the composition. Two-part harmony at least is encouraged in the older grade levels. A composition will not have points deducted for being melody only. Improper harmonic chords may result in lower scores.
3. More than one person may work on a composition, but the song will be judged in the division of the oldest participant. It is intended that all writers of both words and music be the participants only.
4. A typed cover sheet for each song will include the following:
  - Name, address, and grade of participant(s)
  - Name and city/state of the congregation of the participant(s)
  - Congregation Number
  - Title of the song.
  - Scripture text if used.
5. Points will be deducted for insufficient documentation.
6. Submit your entry on paper that is 8-1/2" x 11" or smaller. It is acceptable to do the scoring by hand or by using computer software. If you do not use preprinted staff paper, take extra care to make your work is neat and readable. Do not staple the pages together, as they have to be separated during the judging process.

<b>Song Writing</b> <b>2012 Heart of America</b> <b>Leadership Training for Christ</b> <b>“Journey of Faith”</b> <b>Genesis</b>		Event Coordinator's award:		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
	Exemplary	Competent	Developing	
<b>Connection to LTC Theme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme stands out and is strongly supported in song.	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme is evident and supported by song.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to strengthen the evidence of theme.	
<b>Music</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Song is an original composition. <input type="checkbox"/> Song is exceptionally pleasing to listen to. <input type="checkbox"/> Song is very comfortable to sing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Song is mostly original. <input type="checkbox"/> Song is pleasing to listen to. <input type="checkbox"/> Song is comfortable to sing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed on originality. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance the ability to be pleasing to listen to. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to help make the song easier to sing.	
<b>Lyrics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Lyrics fit the melody very well. <input type="checkbox"/> Lyrics are original.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lyrics mostly fit the melody. <input type="checkbox"/> Lyrics are mostly original.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to help the lyrics fit the melody. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed on lyric originality.	
<b>Organization</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy is very neat and readable. <input type="checkbox"/> Information is very well organized and easy to follow. <input type="checkbox"/> Song is very easy to follow and play.	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy is mostly neat and readable. <input type="checkbox"/> Information is mostly organized and easy to follow. <input type="checkbox"/> Song is somewhat easy to follow and play.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention to copy is needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Information needs attention. <input type="checkbox"/> Song needs attention so it is easier to follow and play.	
<b>Format and Submission</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Submission requirements were fully met.	<input type="checkbox"/> Submission requirements were mostly met.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to submission requirements.	
<b>Judge's comments:</b>				
<p>Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting Feedback on the website within 30 days of the end of the convention.</p>				