

## 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 cassette or 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:

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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)
  - 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 neat and readable. Do not staple the pages together, as they have to be separated during the judging process.

