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Subject : FW: Enlivening music and worship
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Harvey and Rob,

Below is an email I received in response to an inquiry I made about a program at Lancaster Theological Seminary. It was billed as being for Penn Central Churches but Bruce Epperly said that we could participate. I STRONGLY suggest that we take part in this program. Please send me your thoughts and how you would answer the 4 questions at the bottom of the page.

Thanks,
Rev. Cathy

To: cjoatman@msn.com
Subject: Enlivening music and worship
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 10:24:50 -0400
From: drbruceepperly@aol.com

Hi Cathy,

I hope your summer is going well....I want to let you know that we do have room for your congregation in our program.....I believe it could be quite helpful for you as well as your staff.... will you get back to me in the next week or so if you are interested....the cost is \$300 for a several session program, but we have some scholarship assistance....the questions at the end don't need to be a thesis, just a way of helping us respond more creatively to the congregations.... blessings, Bruce
717-290-8759

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Are you seeking greater vitality and creativity in your congregation's worship? Do you want to integrate an affirmation of your congregation's worship traditions with new approaches to worship and music? Do you want to be open more fully to God's transforming presence in your congregation's worship?

If you a pastor or leader of a small congregation, averaging approximately 75 persons or less in Sunday worship, we invite your congregation to apply for participation in Lancaster Theological Seminary's upcoming program on "Enlivening Worship and Music for the Small Church." Supported by a grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, this partnership program involving Lancaster Theological Seminary and the Penn Central Conference of the

United Church of Christ, will consist of several seminars and individual consultations related to exploring new forms of music and worship in your congregation over a nine month period. This year, we intend to work with ten congregations in Penn Central Conference. Each congregation will have the opportunity to send its pastor, choir director and/or organist, a worship leader, and young adult, if possible, to participate in this program. (See application questions below.)

Led by Daryl Hollinger, Dean of the Chapel at Lancaster Theological Seminary and Minister of Music at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Lancaster, and Bruce Epperly, Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Continuing Education at Lancaster Theological Seminary, this program will help your congregation find creative ways to revitalize music and worship in the context of theological reflection and spiritual practices, while preserving your congregation's traditions. Participants will explore new forms of music and worship, appropriate to the gifts of small congregations. As a result of a grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and support from the seminary and conference, we are able to provide this nine month program for only \$300 per congregation.

If you would like to participate in this program, we invite to send a letter of application no later than August 1 either by electronic or postal mail to Dr. Bruce Epperly:

Electronic mail: bepperly@lancasterseminary.edu

Mailing Address: Dr. Bruce Epperly

Lancaster Theological Seminary

555 W. James Street

Lancaster, PA 17603

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In your letter of application, please respond briefly (one page, single space) to the following questions:

- 1) What is the greatest challenge to revitalizing worship and music in your congregation?
- 2) In what ways have you tried in the past to transform your congregation's worship?
- 3) What are your congregation's greatest gifts in the area of worship and music?
- 4) In addition to the pastor, which three other congregational worship leaders (choir director, musician, music committee participant, youth, etc.) will you invite to join you in this adventure?

For more information, feel free to contact Dr. Bruce Epperly at 717-290-8759
or be pperly@lancasterseminary.edu.

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