

# 30 years of ALCM



# Celebrating 30 Years

## Early Years

- 1985** Organizational Meeting, Columbia, SC
- 1986** Constituting Conference, Northfield, MN
- 1986** *Grace Notes* first issue
- 1987** First Biennial Conference, Seattle, WA
- 1988** Job Placement Service begins

## 1990s

- Post-Conference Educational Events
- CrossAccent* first issue
- Congregational Song Series CDs
- ALCM website launched
- Rural/small church music workshops
- Raabe Prize for Excellence in Sacred Composition

## 2000s

- Statement on Worship and Music
- Tips for the Twenty-Fifth (2011)
- InTempo* first issue

## Looking Forward

- Events tailored to smaller congregations or those with limited resources
- Expanded publications for greater reach to musicians
- Increased number of resources available on our website
- Expanded presence on social media
- Strengthened partnerships with Lutheran denominations and others

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) is a nonprofit, membership-based organization with a mission to nurture and equip musicians to serve and lead the church's song. Music is a vital expression of Lutheran worship. The church's song takes many forms and is expressed in many ways. By sharing the knowledge, experience and passion that honor our heritage and inspire our future, ALCM nurtures and equips those who lead music in worship. ALCM offers practical education programs and diverse resources through national and regional conferences; professional journals and other publications; networking events; commissioning programs; partnerships; and more. ALCM serves musicians of all types – from paid professionals to volunteers. By connecting servant leaders to one another and by cultivating their musical gifts, ALCM supports worshipping communities in the proclamation of the Gospel.




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**ALCM is celebrating its 30th anniversary!**

We have a new mission statement, and our mission is 30 years old. In 2016 we are both celebrating our past and looking forward to a vibrant future.

**That future includes growth:**

- in programming
- in expanded publications
- to meet our members needs
- to reach those who do not know us

A vibrant future enables us to nurture and equip more musicians and serve more congregations as they sing the church's song.

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**—ALCM's mission statement, adopted January 2016**

Moving confidently into life after age 30 requires that ALCM be on a firm financial footing. To that end, and to celebrate our anniversary, we are undertaking a 30th Anniversary fund-raising appeal, titled **"Celebrating 30 Years."** We are focusing this appeal on undesignated gifts (gifts to our annual fund). ALCM counts on regular contributions to the annual fund in order to carry out the work set before us, as membership dues alone do not cover the cost of all that we strive to do.



**What might God be calling us to do in these next thirty years?**

With a gift to ALCM you can help us answer that question. Make your gift or pledge by mail to ALCM, 810 Freeman St., Valparaiso, IN 46383 or online at [www.ALCM.org](http://www.ALCM.org). Be sure to note that it is a 30th anniversary gift. Thank you!

**\$30 for 30**

Over the next three years (2016 to 2018) our goal is to increase the number of donors to our annual fund to 300 per year, a 76% increase from 2015. If you have not given to ALCM before, we invite you to make a gift of \$30 or more in honor our 30th anniversary. If you have given in the past, we invite you to continue and increase your gift as we celebrate 30 years of ALCM.



**"Celebrating 30 Years"** gifts may be given as one-time contributions, or as pledges made and fulfilled over the three years of the appeal. However much you give, whether as a one-time gift or a multi-year

pledge, please know that your gift will help ALCM support worshipping communities in the proclamation of the Gospel by connecting servant leaders to one another and by cultivating their musical gifts.

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