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Summer Workshop 2026

August 7-8, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Dallas, TX

“Planning for 2026-27 with Purpose, Ideas, & Resources: Not in a Vacuum!”

Join other leaders of music to plan and finesse music programs for 2026-27 in for sharing ideas and using CMI resources in abundance.

LEADERS

Mr. Chris Brunt, Organist, Custer Road United Methodist Church, Plano, TX

Dr. Gregory Hobbs, Director of Music, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX

Dr. Yoonmi Lim, Organist, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX

Ms. Caitlin Molechat, Director of Music, First United Methodist Church, Richardson, TX

Dr. Lynn Trapp, St. Joseph Church, Baltimore, MD – Joncas Library Resident

CMI Staff

Friday, August 7

9:00 – 12:00 Time to work in the CMI libraries for planning for 2026-27 church year with assistance from CMI staff. 60,000+ titles of choral and organ music await your exploration! CMI Offices and Libraries

Optional Break at 10:00 for online session by Dr. Lynn Trapp - Psalm Styles and Practice: Demonstration of various styles of psalm singing, with special attention to music delivery/technique of the styles. Michaelson Room.

12-1:00 Lunch on your own (plenty of options at Preston & Royal!)

1:00 Liturgical Year Overview for 2026-7. A place to begin. Consider the transition from Years A to B and explore frameworks for planning that link to scripture readings. Dr. Kroeker Chapel

1:30 – 2:20 Choral Music Reading Session (new and new-to-you) - Dr. Greg Hobbs - Chapel

Explore some of the best of the newest titles of choral music and jog your memory for those stalwarts to be revisited.

2:30 Organ Music Reading Session (new and new-to-you) – Dr. Yoonmi Lim – Church Organ Loft

Consider new publications and favorites of Dr. Lim for inclusion in the upcoming year.

3:20 Break – CMI Offices for Snacks/Drinks

3:45 – Unpacking *Messiah*, Session I: Dr. Gregory Hobbs leads a score study of the choruses in the Christmas portion of Handel's work. Explore how part or all of these could work for your program. Chapel

5:00 Evening Prayer – Church Choir & Organ Loft

5:30 Dinner on Site – CMI Offices

6:30 Planning special services for All Saints, Reformation, Advent Lessons & Carols, Christmas Lessons & Carols, Epiphany. Dr. Hobbs leads a session to present his thoughts and to solicit your ideas for special services surrounding upcoming seasons. What has worked for you? Chapel

8:00 Compline – Church Choir & Organ Loft

Saturday, August 8

8:30 Morning Prayer – Church Choir & Organ Loft

9:00 – Singing with Understanding: Repertoire and effective protocols for leading congregational song with support of the choir and organ that invites everyone to participate in singing theologically informed texts – Dr. Hobbs and Dr. Lim – Church Choir & Organ Loft

10:00 – 10:50 Involving children and youth in music for worship – Ms. Caitlyn Molechat - Chapel

11:00 – Unpacking *Messiah*, Session 2: Dr. Gregory Hobbs leads a score study of the recitatives and arias in the Christmas portion of Handel's work. Explore how part or all of these could work for your program. Chapel

12:00 Lunch & Participant Sharing – CMI Offices

1:00 Reading Session and Rehearsal of repertoire – Dr. Greg Hobbs - Chapel

Dr. Hobbs leads a session of choral music repertoire with tips for rehearsing and teaching your choir the music.

2:00 Closing Prayer Service – Church Choir & Organ Loft

3:15 Depart to serve