TLC 101 Everything You Need to Know About Singing in the Tennessee Ladies Chorus

I am so pleased that you are member of the Tennessee Ladies Chorus. Tiffany Pyron and I have created this document as an easy go-to source for information related to TLC. We hope it is helpful for new members as well as seasoned veterans. Enjoy!

Membership Fees

- Cost for annual dues is \$25 and payable to TBCMC (Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference).
- Dues may be paid at the annual TLC Summit event in November; early at the annual TLC retreat in August/September; or mailed to current TBCMC treasurer.
- New TLC members are exempt from paying dues the first year.

Required Attire

- Casual attire is a *special-order* button-down shirt, worn unbuttoned as a jacket over a white top, with khaki or black pants. (\$20)
- Formal attire is a *special-order* black knit top from Praise Hymn Fashions worn with black dress pants. (\$35)
- Concert attire is required and is casual or formal depending on the concert environment.
- Small, discreet earrings are acceptable. No necklaces are worn. Please do not wear perfume for any rehearsals or performances.
- Please contact Tiffany Pyron regarding your orders for casual or formal attire. (Her number is 800.558.2090 x7908.)

Rehearsals/Performances:

- TLC Presents 2-3 Concerts per Year, in addition to our annual retreat.
- Rehearsals, for the most part, are the day of the concert; thus, the purpose and importance of the annual retreat.

Meals:

• Meals are included in your registration fees for most events and concerts.

Lodging:

• Lodging is not provided for TLC concerts and events, but lodging options at discounted rates are available.

Scheduling for Concerts and Retreat

 Scheduling, costs, and other details for TLC events will be communicated with as much notice as possible.

<u>Music</u>

• All music is made available to TLC members via internet downloads. Ideally, you will print all music and bring with you to rehearsals. This saves both time and expense. We will, however, have a limited quantity of anthem copies available at all TLC events.

Officers



• The group has elected officers including a President, President-elect, a Secretary-treasurer and Area representatives.

<u>Conductor</u>

- Scott Shepherd, Worship and Music Specialist, with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, has served as conductor of TLC since June, 2017.
- Tiffany Pyron serves as his ministry assistant.

TLC Details

• Prior to each TLC event, Tiffany and I will provide a document will details related a particular event. The TLC Details documents typically include Location, Lodging Options, Schedule, Attire, Music (with PDF downloads), etc. (See sample below.)

Communication

- We communicate details regarding the Tennessee Ladies Chorus in four primary ways.
 - TN Baptist Worship and Music Newsletter e-mailed once each week.
 - TLC E-mail for information regarding events specific to TLC we will send direct e-mails.
 - Facebook We have a closed group on Facebook called "Tennessee Ladies Chorus."
 - Website www.tnworshipandmusic.com is updated often with information pertinent to TLC and other state worship and music related news.

I hope TLC 101 is helpful. If, however, you still have questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Tiffany or me. We are always happy to serve.

Sincerely,

Scott Shepherd Worship and Music Specialist Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

TLC DETAILS (SAMPLE)

(From TLC Retreat, 2018)

LOCATION

Immanuel Baptist Church, Lebanon (Host: Mark Caruth) 214 Castle Heights Avenue Lebanon, TN 37087 615.444.5563

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SCHEDULE

<u>Friday, August 24</u> 2:00 pm – TLC Officers' Meeting 2:30 pm – Registration/Pay TBCMC Dues 3:30 pm – Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer 6:00 pm – Dinner (at Emmanuel) 7:30 pm – Evening Activity – Bowling at Pro Bowl West

Saturday, August 25 9:00 am – Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer 10:15 am – Snack Break 10:45 am – Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer 12:00 am – Lunch (at Emmanuel) 1:00 pm – Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer 1:30 pm – Depart for The Pavilion Senior Living Center 2:00 pm – TLC Ministry Mini-Concert at the Pavilion 2:45 pm – TLC Dismissed

ATTIRE

(for Saturday's mini-concert at The Pavilion Senior Living Center)

Khakis, Light Blue TLC Shirt (with white shirt under)

LODGING

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Cost: \$109 a night (615) 994-3225 826 S Cumberland St. Lebanon, TN 37087 Cut-off date: August 8 To secure rate, ask for <u>TN Baptist Convention</u> block

Hampton Inn & Suites

Cost: \$152 a night

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(615) 444-3445 1065 Franklin Rd. Lebanon, TN 37090 Cut-off Date: August 4 To secure rate, ask for <u>TN Baptist Convention</u> block

MUSIC/REPERTOIRE

TLC

All Because of the Wonderful Cross (Arr. Mary McDonald) Arise, My Soul, Arise (Arr. Dan Forrest) Creation Sings (Getty/Tr. Clark) How Can I Keep from Singing (Arr. Kingsmore) I'll Fly Away(Arr. Courtney) I Will Rise by Chris Tomlin (Arr. Craig Courtney) – NEW! (PDF Coming Soon) My God (Townend/Arr. Crabb/Tr. by Vicki Wright) Praise Him (Craig Courtney) Raise Your Hands (Heather Sorenson) – NEW! Still, My Soul, Be Still (Getty/Arr. McDonald) The Storm Is Passing Over (Arr. Baker) 'Til We Meet Again (Kirk Franklin)

TMC/TLC Combined

I Just Can't Stop My Hallelujahs NEW! (PDF Download Coming Soon) I Will Make All Things New (Mary McDonald) (NEW!) My Country 'Tis of Thee" (Mary McDonald (NEW! PDF Download Coming Soon) O Praise the Name (Anastasis) (Arr. David T. Clydesdale)