

## **Anglican Church Music Director's Report April 2014**

2013 marked a significant step forward for music at the Anglican Church. From July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, my position has been paid (10 hours per week), which has enabled me to continue in my capacity as music director while also being eligible to receive benefits as a salaried employee (i.e.: healthcare coverage). This has been such a blessing to me, and allowed me to continue developing the music program at the Anglican church.

Ongoing music programming which has continued from last year:

- Youth Choir leading music at Christmas and Mothering Sunday services
- Monthly music program for children in Junior Church (led by Dana)
- Introduction of many new Communion anthems
- Music at Church events: Christmas Lunch, Church Fair
- Evensong services featuring viols and other guests
- Advent carol service
- Combined Good Friday service with the English-speaking Catholic Congregation in St. Alphonse

New music program additions this year:

- Intro to music theory course taught by Dana at the Vicarage (Feb.-May 2013)
- Hosting of the RSCM Choir Festival in Luxembourg (June 2013)
- Doubling our roster of new singers to the church choir
- Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols (Dec. 2013)
- New Communion setting (Thorne) introduced in Jan. 2014

Some plans for the coming year:

- Finding ways to help new singers feel comfortable singing in a choir (ie: perhaps start a beginners choir where music reading is not necessary?)
- Welcoming 2-3 new organists to the rota
- Getting more support from choir members in organizing choir events (i.e.: retreat planning, choir festival participation, etc.)

I intend to pursue the following three goals stated in last year's report but not yet realized. They will take more time and congregational support to organize and develop them than was available last year.:

- Introduction of more world music and contemporary hymns to Sun. morning services
- Evensong services to be held regularly in St. Alphonse church
- Organizing a Creation Celebration concert and fundraiser featuring all music groups of the Anglican Church in Luxembourg (Adult Choir, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Group, Youth Choir, and a new Children's Choir).

Special thanks again to organists Ron Haigh, Jean Olinger, Robin Alder and Alan Carlisle for their contribution to worship services, and to all choir members (both seasoned and new) for their willingness to learn new music, jump into syncopation and "crunchy chords", and encourage each other along the way.

With sincere thanks for your support,

Dana Luccock