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# ALL MUSICIANS MEETING

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## I. Our Call as Musicians

The call of the Christian musician is to faithfully make music, in any context, that reflects a grateful servant's response to the gospel.

### A. A call to be distinct from the musicians of the world.

For all that is in the world— the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. (1 Jn. 2:16)

1. We think of ourselves first as Christians, then musicians.
2. We view music as a servant rather than a god.
3. We use music to bring glory to God rather than ourselves.
4. We recognize truth outlasts tunes.

### B. A call to be faithful.

Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men. (Prov. 22:29)

1. Faithful to practice.
2. Faithful to be available.
3. Faithful to watch our lives more than our music.

### C. A call to be grateful.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1Th. 5:18)

1. That God has saved us from judgment and brought us to himself.
2. That God gives us musical talents at all.
3. That God gives us strength to develop our talents.
4. That God brings fruit from our efforts.

D. A call to serve.

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others more significant than yourselves. (Phil. 2:3)

1. In the ways we're needed.
2. For as long as we're needed.
3. So that others might be needed.

Requires humility and listening to the thoughts of others.

E. A call to keep the gospel central.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

The gospel reminds us that:

1. All our musical offerings are humbled and exalted by Christ's perfect sacrifice.
2. Music can never do what only Jesus can do.
3. Every song will ultimately be for the glory of Jesus Christ.

## II. Our Calling as a Musical Community

A. Make music faithfully

B. Use appropriate music

1. Doctrinally rooted, and gospel-saturated
2. What serves the purposes of the church
3. Appropriate to our culture
4. Music that reflects God-created diversity

C. Train the next generation

D. Spread it liberally

E. Change it wisely

# Where Are Musicians Currently Serving?



