

# 2022 New Creation Chorus

**Purpose.** *The structure and activities of New Creation Chorus are designed to promote the musical, spiritual, and social growth of its members. The programs presented by New Creation Chorus are intended to provide an opportunity for singer and listener to join in worship of God through choral music sung skillfully and sincerely.* Members are expected to promote group unity by interacting primarily with the broader group during chorus functions and avoiding cliquish behavior. Rehearsal time will be spent learning music, learning how to sing it well, and meditating on the texts to be sung.

**Rehearsals.** Tuesday evening, May 24, will be “opening night” and all applicants are expected to attend. This will be a “meet & greet” night with volleyball, snack, part auditions, and music distribution. Weekly rehearsals will be held Tuesday evenings from May 31 through September 6 at Terre Hill Mennonite High School unless announced otherwise. Rehearsals will start at 7:00 p.m. and run until approximately 9:00 p.m. with snack following. There are several open weeks where Tuesday evening practices will **not** be held. If your family is planning a trip or vacation for the summer, those would be good weeks to consider. Sunday rehearsals are planned for June 26 and July 31 and will consist of an afternoon practice session starting at 3:30, supper, an evening practice session, and a recreational time. We ask all members to make these practices a priority. **\*New for this Year!\*** A weekend chorus **retreat** is being planned for August 26-28, starting Friday evening and lasting through Sunday afternoon. Mark your calendars!

**Program Itinerary.** Programs are scheduled for all Sunday evenings from Sep. 11 through Nov. 6. A day tour (a full day activity with programs morning and evening) is planned for Sunday, Oct. 2. Tour is planned for Thu. Nov. 10 – Mon. Nov. 14.

**Attendance Policy. Rehearsals.** Members are encouraged to miss no more than three rehearsals and are expected to talk to the directors if they anticipate needing to miss more than this. Anyone planning to miss a rehearsal will indicate this through the online sign-out form at least one week in advance of the absence. **Programs.** Members are expected to demonstrate their commitment to the chorus by attending all programs. Members are expected to communicate with the directors well in advance if health or medical conditions, significant immediate family-related events, church obligations (e.g. communion) or emergency employment-related obligations are expected to interfere with program attendance. Members shall plan to arrive for programs one hour and 15 minutes prior to program start times.

**Personal Appearance.** Members are asked to avoid overly casual attire for rehearsals and tours and to observe the standards of the Keystone Mennonite Fellowship. **Men.** Men shall wear full length pants and shirts with collar or buttons. T-shirts are permitted only for recreational activities. Hair shall be trimmed in such a manner as to fulfill the meaning of “short hair,” not extending over the ears or shirt collar, and to avoid extreme or worldly styles. **Ladies.** Ladies clothing shall be of modest design with skirt lengths extending below the knees. Hair shall be worn up and under an unadorned, white cap-style covering or flowing veil aligning with the practice of the Keystone church congregations.

**Miscellaneous Expectations.** Chorus members are expected to provide a black music folder and pencil to be used during rehearsal season as well as to purchase their chorus program outfits. Members are expected to practice music and/or do singing exercises outside of group rehearsal as assigned.

**Cost.** A \$50 **non-refundable** membership fee is charged to cover administrative expenses, including music costs, building rental, bulletins, etc. Applicants are expected to bring this along to opening night on May 24. Payment can be made by cash, check, or Paypal. Members will also be asked to contribute toward tour expenses as they are able.

**Application Process.** We invite anyone with interest to fill out the *online* application form. Contact Lamar or Rhoda Harnish for the link. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age as of May 1. **The application deadline is May 17.** Applications received after this date may not be considered.

*Thank you for your interest in New Creation Chorus. If you have questions, contact any of the directors.*

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