

Dear Pastor or Staff Member,

Name of applicant: _____ is registering to for enrollment in *The Choristers Guild Institute*, a three summer Certification Program designed for directors of young singers in churches or schools.

The certification gained through successful completion of three summer-sessions in *The Choristers Guild Institute* will strengthen your director's musical and pedagogical skills and will equip them to effectively integrate young singers into worship. The program will focus on following areas:

- Creative and Purposeful Integration of Young Choirs into Worship
- Acquisition of Pedagogical Skills and Content Knowledge, including Rehearsal Techniques, Choral Methods specifically for Young Choirs, Repertoire, and Conducting
- Effective Organization of a Music Ministries for Young Singers
- Personal Musicianship and Leadership Skills

Participants in the *Institute* will be working within their own local congregation to implement ideas from the summer certification program, particularly in the area of worship. In a limited manner, you may be contacted regarding creative ways that the candidate has incorporated young singers into the worship of your congregation as a result of their work with our certification program. As a part of the application, please supply a letter of support of this person's work with choirs for young singers and your willingness to allow creative implementation of the skills learned through the *Institute* in your congregation's worship.

Many congregations encourage and help financially with continuing education for their paid staff or dedicated volunteers. *The Choristers Guild Institute* is just the program to vitalize, enrich and strengthen your choir program. I would encourage your financial support of the applicant in his/her training through this prestigious program.

Please send your one page recommendation to the address below or email a pdf to institute@mailcg.org:

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Thank you for your support of your registrant and *The Choristers Guild Institute!*

Rebecca Thompson