**Dear Pastor or Staff Member,**

 Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is registering for enrollment in *The Choristers Guild Institute,* a three summer Certification Program designed for directors of young singers in churches or church 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 Music Ministry 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 a single page recommendation to the address below:**

**Chris Nemec**

**Lindenwood Christian Church**

**2400 Union Avenue**

**Memphis, TN 38112**

 **Or, you may E-mail a pdf to:** institute@mailcg.org

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

Chris Nemec and Karol Kimmell

Co-Directors, Choristers Guild Institute