



# Nurturing And Sustaining A Healthy Pastor/Musician Relationship

## THINGS WE TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T

**Hebrews 13:15** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

**I Corinthians 2:1-4** And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.<sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.<sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.<sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

**Colossians 1:15-20** The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.<sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,<sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the most important function of any congregation.

**I Corinthians 14:39,40** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.  
<sup>40</sup> But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a value worth pursuing.

**Philippians 4:8,9** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.<sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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**Psalm 133** How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.<sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. and excellence are God-pleasing not of themselves but because He has revealed it.

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# DEVELOPING A SHARED PHILOSOPHY OF WORSHIP

## Principles of Lutheran Worship

1. The Predominance of the Gospel
2. The Participation of the Congregation
3. The Historic Voice of the Church
4. God's Gift of Music and the Arts

## Philosophical Differences—how to address/overcome

## A willingness to

- understand each other's roles
- understand why the other thinks the way they do
- compromise where compromise can happen
- study Scriptures together/to have the conversation
- present a united philosophy of worship

## ORGANIZING TOOLS FOR WORSHIP

**The Foundation** - A resource from WELS Congregational Services that provides worship, evangelism, discipleship, and school resources for every week of the year.

**Christian Worship: Planning Guide** - A resource that helps pastors and worship planners build weekly worship services with hymn suggestions linked to each Sunday, each festival, and each appointed lesson.

**Christian Worship: Service Builder** - Rapidly plan worship and produce excellent service folders in a single application.

**Hymnary** - An online hymn and worship music database for worship leaders, hymnologists, and amateur hymn lovers alike.

**YouTube** - Useful for listening to unfamiliar hymns.

## **Music Publishers (all can be ordered through NPH)**

- Northwestern Publishing House
- Concordia Publishing House
- ECS Publishing Group (MorningStar Music)
- GIA

## THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF A HEALTHY PASTOR/MUSICIAN RELATIONSHIP

1. Do invest resources for worship.
2. Don't cut corners.
3. Do stay in your lane.
4. Don't micromanage.
5. Do feel comfortable to speak your mind.
6. Don't imagine your likes are everyone's likes.

7. Do be willing to try and “fail”.
8. Don’t ask people to do something they are incapable of doing WELL.
9. Do plan well ahead!
10. Don’t prepare 10 minutes before the service.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS AND Q & A TIME