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Report of Pacific Northwest Chapter, May 18, 2010

Three events have been hosted by the ACM - Pacific Northwest over the last year. In October 2009 a Church Music Symposium featured guest artists Christopher Garven (organ), Lisa Ridenour (piano) and Vince Treadway (organ). Guest soloist Marion Read (formerly of the Philadelphia area, now in Seattle area), sang in the Sunday worship and with the choir. Keynote speaker Glen Ridenour and workshop leaders Douglas Bond, Ron Bechtel, as well as Treadway and Garven, contributed to a two-day event followed by the Sunday services of host church, Faith Presbyterian, Tacoma, Washington, led by Dr. Robert S. Rayburn, minister.

In January, Marion Read presented an all-morning workshop for singers on the basics of good vocal technique. The training gave helpful tips for church choirs and worship leaders.

The first annual Young Church Musicians Recital Competition drew fifteen students in March. Over one-hundred attenders enjoyed the formal recital at Faith Presbyterian Church, Tacoma. Excellent musicianship by many of the competitors made selecting the winners of the scholarship prizes a difficult job for the adjudicators. Winners were all pianists. In the high school division, Hannah Matsuda won first place, Anna Hastings, second. Middle-school winners were Spencer Gross (first), and Bonnie Hastings (second). Thanks to the generosity of donors to ACM, \$1,500 in scholarship prizes have been awarded to the students for continuing musical education.

The financial report for the Pacific Northwest Chapter shows a near-break-even year with income of just over \$5,100 and expenses of nearly \$4,900.

The next events include a *Saturday Morning Music and Conversation* on June 19, 2010, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Faith Presbyterian Church, Tacoma. In addition to an opening session of music by ACM members and friends, Christopher Rogers will present a workshop on "Maximizing Your Practice Time"—a great launch into some serious summer progress as a musician! Donations will be accepted at the door for this event.

The annual Church Music Symposium is slated for October 15-17, 2010, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Tacoma. Details pending.

—Submitted in absentia to the ACM Annual Meeting by
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