

Music, Worship and Plenary Sessions – Missions Fest™

We are all VOLUNTEERS for the sake of the Great Commission. Many of those who volunteer are professionals in their own field. Some are musicians, some are television producers/technicians, some are lawyers, teachers, accountants, doctors, etc. We don't even pay the seminar presenters. Historically, we have not paid our musicians for participating at Missions Fest. Part of the reason is that we cannot afford to pay for most of the professional help during this conference. It is only one weekend out of the year and most people are eager to help in order that the unreached around the world will hear about Jesus in a way they can understand. There is a sense of sacrifice but most find the participation an experience to look forward to.

Furthermore, many musicians are thankful for the publicity they receive at Missions Fest. It often opens the door to new opportunities to be of service

We are often encouraged by the special qualities we see among our musicians. Many come with attitudes of humility and servant-hood; we hope that many will have a heart for the Great Commission. We trust that Worship Teams, will be the same. We prefer worship leading that encourages participation and lyrics that encourages everyone to think of others. Therefore, to avoid mere performance, we need to sing the songs most people across the denominations know. It's a daunting task.

There is great value in having the same worship leader in most sessions throughout the weekend. The people learn to identify with them and there is a sense of security in that experience.

Having a consistent MC for the Plenary Sessions is also comforting for the people. We once tried having a different MC at each plenary session. It created a fragmented effect on the weekend. Having the same MC enables the people to bond with the MC and feel more secure when the same person returns to greet them each time and lead them through the weekend. It is much easier on the musicians also, working with the same MC.

Although most of the conference is managed by volunteers, we make special provision for our Plenary Speakers. We expect them to present at least one Plenary Session as well as 3 or 4 seminars. We provide airfare, accommodations, food and a modest honorarium.

Missions Fest is an experience where the Body of Christ across the city can work together once a year to accomplish much for the Kingdom of God. After several years Missions Fest becomes part of the culture of the city. Thanks be to God!