

## **WORSHIP LEADER'S GUIDE AT MISSIONS FEST**

### *A Missions Fest Policy Statement*

We are eager to have young people participate at Missions Fest and be stirred by the Holy Spirit to follow the Lord's plan for their lives.

We believe that God has orchestrated this annual event to stir up His Body in this region, to have an outward focus, which is opposite to the "me-ism" that has been so prevalent over the years in our society.

Although we all come from different backgrounds, the Sponsoring Churches who partner together to plan and organize this conference, have agreed to the following goals and purposes:

The Festival's goal is to help individuals find their place in the great Harvest Field, where their interests and abilities can best be used.

#### **THE THREE-FOLD PURPOSES OF MISSIONS FEST**

- i. to provide information about the needs (physical, spiritual) around the world and the opportunities to serve,
- ii. to celebrate what God is doing through His people around the world, and
- iii. to challenge people of all ages to get involved in the Great Commission by going, sending, praying, and giving.

We invite all worship leaders to keep these goals and purposes in mind when planning to lead at Missions Fest. Since this event is focused on mission, then during these important moments of worshipping the Lord, we want our prayers, the scriptures, and lyrics of the songs we sing, to be in tune with our focus.

Times of worship ought to be an integral part of the whole service. It is not intended to be a form of entertainment or something that stands by itself, but participatory so that the people can respond to the Lord. For this to be a reality, the people's voices must be heard. That in turn would require care in matters of volume control, song choices, etc.

Participation by the people in worship is an important goal of Missions Fest. In order to do that, worship leaders need to select songs that most of the Christian community, know. In other words, this is not the venue to be introducing new songs or just the songs written by the leader.

The one exception might be the introducing of a "theme song" that would be repeated in all the sessions. Suggestions for theme songs should be submitted to the Missions Fest office (or M.C. of youth sessions) a month before the conference begins.

Another expectation of the worship leader would be to come prepared to engage the people through brief meaningful commentary and bridging of thought as some songs are introduced. Careful use of prayer and scriptures can help in this regard.

#### **ADVANCE PREPARATION:**

- a. Work with the MC to prepare an Order of Service by providing the names and order of the songs selected.
- b. Be aware of the time allocated to singing and be faithful to that in light of all that must be included in the service.
- c. Work with the technical people to have the lyrics ready for projection. Please allow at least 3 weeks for this work to be done.
- d. Be prepared to assist with the closing when often there is a call to service and prayer of commitment. Have two or three appropriate songs ready in case they are needed.
- e. Arrange for sound checks and arrive early so this can be done without last minute pressure, well before the people arrive.

We look forward to having various worship teams from Sponsoring Churches participate during Missions Fest.