

Co-Administrative Coordinator's Report

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I am grateful and say thank you to the many passionate volunteers and members of Music United who continued to provide a strong and supportive presence over the past year. Your time and dedication, in guidance with the Holy Spirit, has truly been a blessing to the wider church community.

This year we have continued to work out the new governance structure of an executive with a group of convenors that work separately. The convenor team meets monthly to check in, share ideas and receive updates from the executive via the convenor co-ordinator. Convenors work within their regions to answer questions, work with regional councils, and run events. We are working on refining the convenor position and we are looking to fill convenor positions in regions that are currently vacant. If you are interested in becoming more involved in Music United this is a great opportunity - just let us know your interest.

This past year Debbie Fingas has not had a co-coordinator to work with and is looking forward to sharing the role for the upcoming year. She will continue in the position of Co-Chair for a further term of 1 year and at which time the new co-coordinator will have experience to share with the next co-coordinator.

It was a joy this year to finally meet in person at Islington United after postponing and then holding online events in 2021 and 2022. Also new this year was the hybrid model of having some participants join us simultaneously online. Although the setup needs some tweaking, we recognize the value of this option and will work to improve the online experience going forward. A HUGE thank you to Dawn, Jason, the executive and especially our wonderful hosts at Islington United that resulted in the largest Music Matters gathering yet!

I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to Josh as he leaves his positions as membership and newsletter on the executive. Under his expert guidance, we have established an email list and regular communication with this list in addition to providing articles and content for Gathering. Thank you Josh!

The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one with the release of the "Then Let Us Sing" sampler at the end of the summer and moving towards the electronic release of the resource next year. We will strive to keep you up-to-date on the status of the resource. Continued blessings to all engaged in the work of Music United.

Debbie Fingas