

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Coordinator oversees three main tasks: continued submissions of the Music United column in *Gathering*, the maintenance of a database of Music United members, and the development and distribution of the Music United newsletter.

The Music United column in *Gathering* usually features the reflections of one (or more) Music United members on the assigned topic. This year included topics such as extemporaneous music-making (by Shawn Whynot), music and healing, and *Then Let Us Sing*. I attempt to find columnists from across the country, representing different sizes and styles of churches. Our varied columns were well-received by readers, and continue to showcase the resources available to Music United members.

Our database of Music United members through the Mailchimp platform continues to slowly grow. From here we send out three newsletters a year, with the occasional supplementary issue for special events. Each newsletter issue features a brief introduction, details about upcoming events and resources, and a member profile. This has been a simple but effective way to communicate broadly with our members. Feedback on the newsletter is always appreciated.

It continues to be helpful for our Convenors to encourage members to sign-up to the database as we go forward. If members are having trouble, it is always possible to manually add someone to the list. In addition, I invite Convenors to identify members who might be able to offer a column for an upcoming edition of *Gathering*. We love lifting up the voices of our members!

Respectfully submitted,
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