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THE WESLEYAN CHURCH • 12TH GENERAL CONFERENCE 2012
JUNE 2-6 • LEXINGTON CONVENTION CENTER • LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

The Wesleyan Church 2012 Song Writing Competition *Competition Rules*

Awards

1. The winning song of The Wesleyan Church 2012 song writing competition will be premiered during the 12th General Conference of The Wesleyan Church, June 2-6, 2012, at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington, Kentucky. **The Grand Prize Winner** will be awarded a **\$1,000** prize. Ten honorable mention songs will also be chosen and those songwriters will receive a **\$100** prize.

Songs

2. The songs can be written in any style (hymn, praise chorus, ballad, etc.). The thematic content of the songs should be based upon the Wesleyan theology of holiness, emphasizing “genuine life transformation based on radical love and obedience to Jesus Christ.” (**See our article of religion statement on [sanctification](#).**)
3. Each song submitted must be the contestant’s original work. Songs may have multiple co-writers, but the entry should designate one name only on the application. Songs may not exceed four (4) minutes in length. **Do not include your name on the CDs.**
4. Each song requires a CD or MP3 file, its own entry form, lyric sheet, chord chart/lead sheet or complete written score, and entrance fee (\$25). Entrance fees are non-refundable. Contestants may submit multiple songs, but each song requires a separate submission and entrance fee.

One check or money order for multiple entries is permitted. Entrance fees are payable to: The Wesleyan Church.

The Wesleyan Church is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, postage due, stolen, or misappropriated entries.

5. The contest is open to amateur and professional songwriters.
6. The winner will be chosen by a select panel of judges comprised of songwriters, General Officers of The Wesleyan Church, and music professionals. Songs will be judged based upon, thematic content, melody, composition, originality, and lyrics. The quality of performance and production will not be considered. Cash prizes include: **\$1,000** for one first place song; and **\$100** each for 10 honorable mention songs.
7. The winners will be notified by e-mail and must sign and return an affidavit of eligibility/performance rights/publicity release within 14 days of notification date. The affidavit will state that the authors of the songs chosen for the awards will retain personal copyright ownership of the songs but, by their act in entering the competition, each of them thereby assigns permission and a license (without further formalities) to The Wesleyan Church for the unrestricted and perpetual use of such songs in Wesleyan venues without payment of any royalty or fee of other consideration, such as in public performances, the publication and duplication of lyrics and music in the Church's print and online publications, and in audio or video recordings. Failure to sign and return such affidavit within 14 days or provision of false/inaccurate information therein will result in immediate disqualification and an alternate winner will be selected. **Affidavits for winners under 18 years of age at the time of the award must be countersigned by parent or legal guardian.**

In the event The Wesleyan Church so elects at any time, however, the owners of such copyrighted songs shall formally execute a written grant and/or license agreement for such unrestricted and perpetual use in favor of The Wesleyan Church.

8. CDs, lyrics, and lead sheets will not be returned.
9. Submission dates: December 9, 2011- March 1, 2012. Winners will be announced on or before May 1, 2012.

Entry Requirements

- One song four (4) minutes or less (Attach mp3 to E-mail, or mail a CD).
- A lyric sheet.
- A chord chart/lead sheet or complete written score.
- A payment - \$25 per song.
- A complete entry form.

Dr. Ronald D. Kelly, General Secretary
The Wesleyan Church

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2012 Song Writing Competition
Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip/Country _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Song
Title _____

Payment Type: ___ VISA ___ Mastercard ___ Check/Money Order

Card number: _____ Expiration date Month/Year) _____

Signature: _____

Make your check or money order for US \$25.00 payable to: The Wesleyan Church

I certify that I have read and understood all of the rules and regulations of the songwriting contest for The Wesleyan Church.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ **(Entrants 18 years old or younger will requires a parent or guardian to sign on the entrant's behalf.)**

Mail or e-mail all entries to:

The Wesleyan Church, P.O. Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250

or

communications@wesleyan.org (e-mail submissions must not be larger than 10MB)