Singing songs from other cultures is important for the Body of Christ!

It has been said that, to build global community, we do well to listen to music from other cultures – even dance to it!

As Christians, we are a body of diverse people and diverse stories from all around the world! As Lutherans – particularly Lutherans in Canada – we come from German and Scandinavian roots, but it is in more recent times that we are becoming a church “for others” where we connect with the stories from a variety of cultural backgrounds. It is good for us to connect with these stories, and music can help us hear those stories in a deeper way.

What is different about these songs?

It won’t take long to hear the unique sounds of music and language from a different region in the world. Melody and harmony are different; rhythms are different.

The stories expressed tell of God’s work in other parts of the world, as well as of the need for God’s presence in unique ways. We learn about ourselves as we connect through music!

Suggestions for music with youth and young adults, connecting with the stories of people around the world!

For more info, contact: tyler@clwr.mb.ca
Equip yourself!
Use instruments that may be new to your church community.

**Percussion**
- djembe (or congas)
- shakers (or tambourine)
- claves (or wood block)

**Winds**
- flute, saxophone
- trombone (brass)

**Strings**
- violin (fiddle)
- guitar (bass)

Be creative with the gifts in your midst!

Use resources at your disposal!
Your church musician or music director may have special descant parts, or harmonies, or rhythm patterns to follow. They might be able to help you learn to play the music with similar instrumentation to communities from other parts of the world, or have advice for the style of song.

Be willing to try something new!

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An order for a **Youth Service with Global Song**

L=leader C=congregation
(songs may be chosen from list on back of brochure)

**Gathering**

Opening song
Greeting:
L. The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. and also with you

**Song of Praise**

Prayer:
L. God of all, you join us from all corners of the earth as one. May we seek the well-being of all creatures and creation in all we do. May our living recognize the life of others everywhere. This we pray in Jesus’ name.
C. Amen

**Word**

Hebrew Scriptures reading
Psalm-song
Epistle reading
Welcome the gospel with song
Gospel reading
Homily or skit

**Response to the Word**

Song of the day

**Affirmation of Faith:**
(adapted from Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi, as found in “Shaping Sanctuary”)

I believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.
I believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God’s human family.
There are no exceptions to God’s love.
I believe God’s creation is good, beautiful and sacred;

therefore to condemn any portion of God’s creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin.
I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin
and make disciples – people willing to live Christ’s discipline of love and justice for all.
I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus did.
I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, and the truth that is life for all in Jesus’ name.
Glory is to God, the One in Three: Creator, Saviour, and Holy Power of love. Amen

**Prayers of the People**

The Prayer Jesus taught:
(#741 “Your Will Be Done” may be sung)
God, lover of us all, Most Holy One, help us to create what you want for us here.
Give us today enough for our needs.
Forgive our weak and deliberate offences just as we must forgive others when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil and to do what is good;
For we are yours, endowed with your power to make the world whole. Amen (source unknown)

**Sending**

Blessing:
L. May God, Creator, continue to generate new life through you.
C. Amen
L. May God, Incarnate Word, instill hope and life in the world.
C. Amen
L. May God, Spirit of Life, be a source of blessing and encouragement, working in us all wherever we may be.
God’s blessing be upon all people, today and always.
C. Amen

**Sending Song**

Dismissal:
L. Go in peace, remember the poor.
C. Thanks be to God.

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