

Thursday, September 07, 2023

Dear friends of the Jubilation Male Chorus

We are glad to report that we are back in action after a long Covid-inspired absence. To arrange to send this letter out, I have dug out our church-contact list, hoping it is still accurate enough to be serviceable.

The Jubilation Chorus was founded about 30 years ago in one local church. Today, there are singers from many different churches, still a fair number of whom are Mennonites, but singers now come together from churches in several centres in this part of Ontario. We are thankful for every volunteer who makes those highway trips to Waterloo to join the local contingent in our weekly practices. However, it is hardly surprising that, after 30 years, many of the pioneers, as well as some others, have had to step back.

It may also be important to mention that the Chorus also has a mission. By arranging our benefit concerts, we provide opportunities for our audiences to raise financial support for charitable organizations in our area that accomplish so many good things. Our June concert this year, for instance, raised a substantial amount of support for one of our local charities. We hope to provide the same kind of opportunity in a benefit concert sometime early in the upcoming Advent-Christmas season.

If you are aware of men in your acquaintance whom you think would enjoy good fellowship with a group of other good men, and the joy of making music together, perhaps you could arrange to have this opportunity be made known to them. Enquiries can be made, if needed, of our Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Ken Huehn (519-725-0627) or this present correspondent, via e-mail (@ [ronwatson327@gmail.com](mailto:ronwatson327@gmail.com)). Or, perhaps there are men you know with whom you could share a copy of this letter.

We are all volunteers, including our director, Mr. Paul Saunders, the Trustees who manage the Chorus's affairs and others who serve behind the scenes to make so many good things happen. As a matter of fact, rumour has it that the members of the chorus even have a lot of enjoyment together. In addition to all of this, we have the great satisfaction of seeing the impact of our benefit concerts mentioned above.

As some of us have to "step back" as time goes by, we would love to welcome other singers who could "step up" as we prepare for this next benefit concert, date TBA. This is not just to fill the empty chairs at practice, it is more to keep the music ringing and to keep our mission moving.

On behalf of the Chorus, our director and our Trustees, I am

Faithfully yours,

(Rev) Ron Watson, Trustee

**P.S. Practices: Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church 15 George Street, Waterloo - concert info, TBA**