

## **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

### **Soloist Instructions**

**Guidelines:** The *Manual of The Mother Church*, Article XIX, page 61 and Appendix, pages 120—126.

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. Sunday Service 10:00—11:00 a.m.
2. Wednesday evening meeting 7:30—8:30 p.m.
3. Thanksgiving Day Service 10:00—11:00 a.m.
4. At least one rehearsal with organist each week

Occasions other than those listed above are on an extra pay basis.

#### **Platform Procedure:**

1. The First Reader is in charge of the services.
2. Soloist enters platform as directed by First Reader.
3. Black folder to be used for music when singing solo.
4. Hymnal to be held for leading the hymns.
5. Advance to front of rostrum, right of desk, for hymns and solo.
6. Soloist will remain on rostrum during the entire service.
7. After last hymn, step back a pace or two and turn slightly toward First Reader when he or she reads the benediction.
8. Exiting platform as directed by First Reader.

#### **Music Selection:**

- Hymns are selected by First Reader.
- The Music Committee selects three (3) appropriate solos for each Sunday. These are placed in soloist's room four (4) weeks ahead of the appropriate Sunday. The soloist chooses one of the three (3) and confers with organist. The First Reader chooses the text and the soloist chooses the music setting of a poem by Mary Baker Eddy once a month.

Or,

- If the soloist is a Christian Scientist, he or she will make the solo selections from the approved solo music list and will re-file the music. He or she will accommodate any special requests which the Music Committee may make from time to time.

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#### **Vacations and Absences:**

At least three (3) week's notice shall be given the Music Committee chair or the clerk when a substitute is needed.

#### **Salary:**

Checks for regular and substitute organists will be mailed on the last day of the month.

#### **Platform Attire:**

Ladies: The dress shall have a modest neckline, sleeves, and be a conservative street length dress which will cover the knees when seated or standing.

Men: For Sunday service he shall wear a business suit or sport jacket and trousers of conservative design and color with a conservative shirt and tie. On Wednesdays he may wear a sweater or a conservative sport jacket with harmonizing shirt, tie, and trousers; jacket and tie are optional.

#### **Parking:**

Reserved parking is available on the Sunday School side of the church building.

#### **Communication:**

The soloist shall communicate with the Music Committee regarding any suggestions or problems with the music or any phase of his or her contract.