

JRR 2010 2-3 Octave Festival

Meet our Clinician!



David A. VanderMeer

David VanderMeer has been the Director of Music Ministries at the downtown historic Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA, since August of 2001. David conducts three handbell choirs, (Youth, Beginning Adult, Advanced Adult) and the Chancel Choir. He also oversees the graded choir program and supervises a music staff of four other musicians.

David is a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey studying handbells with Maestro Donald E. Allured. Before arriving in Atlanta, David served as Minister of Music and Fine Arts of Northwoods Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas for 12 years. He supervised the music staff, oversaw the graded choir program of fourteen choirs and conducted seven of the ensembles. David has taught numerous choral and handbell classes for denominational Worship and Music Conferences, has

been Conference Director and Co-Director of the Mo-Ranch Worship and Music Conference and Conference Director of PAM (Presbyterian Association of Musicians) 2000 Albuquerque Worship and Music Conference and has been on the faculty of the PAM Montreat and Westminster Worship and Music Conferences. In 2008, he was the Conference Director for the PAM Montreat Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, NC.

While in Houston, David was Musical Director of the Houston Bronze Ensemble, Inc. a semi-professional community handbell choir from 1996-2001. David served for six years (2003-2008) on the National Board of Directors for AGEHR, Inc. (American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Inc.) and has recently served as Secretary for PAM (Presbyterian Association of Musicians). He continues to teach handbells/handchimes on the local, area, and national levels for AGEHR and PAM events.

David was mentor for the beginning of an inner-city handchime program for the Atlanta Public School System at Ed S. Cook Elementary School which began in the fall of 2005. In the fall of 2008, he began another inner-city handbell program at Margaret Fain Elementary School in Atlanta. David has sung for three seasons as baritone in the Atlanta Sacred Chorale under the direction of Dr. Eric Nelson. He is a member of American Guild of Organists, American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Inc., Presbyterian Association of Musicians, National Music Educators Association, American Choral Directors Association, the Hymn Society of America, Choristers Guild, Christians in the Visual Arts, and The Episcopal Church and Visual Arts.