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Dear fellow NPM members,

Happy Easter!

Even in the midst of the challenges our world and our Church face today, we can still find joy in the Resurrection of Jesus, who has conquered fear and even death itself. Nonetheless, these are difficult times for each of us, our families, our friends, and our faith communities. As an association, NPM is also beset by challenges that we are facing each day, as we continue to serve the Church in sung worship.

In light of the ongoing public health crisis, the board of directors, upon recommendation from the staff, has made the decision to convert our 2020 annual convention from a physical gathering in Louisville into a virtual experience that our members and pastoral musicians across the nation - and even the world - can participate in from the safety of our own homes.

This was an incredibly difficult decision for us to make because our annual convention has always been a centerpiece of NPM's life. The gathering of thousands of colleagues to pray and learn together is a real manifestation of the Church, and a true sign to the nation of the importance of musical liturgy. However, fully aware of the ongoing health concerns and financial constraints facing our members and our faith communities, we're excited to have this opportunity to be together virtually...to experience a new way of learning together...to open our convention to people who will participate for the first time in this new format.

I know you'll be excited to hear from Steve Petrunak and his team about the plans already underway for July 7-10!

As this time of public health concern continues, please know that all of us in NPM leadership are praying for you. Thanks for your prayers for NPM – your friends and colleagues - and the support you always give this association, but especially now.

With paschal joy,

The NPM Board of Directors

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