

## Synod Sunday Reflections from a 4<sup>th</sup> Time Visitor

I again had the opportunity to sing with the Synod Mass Choir under the direction of Dr. Tom Scott. It was inspiring to stand amongst Catawba College students, a former home church member now pastoring in Concord, New Hampshire (Rev. David Keller) and others from regions beyond Pennsylvania. The intergenerational group had the feeling of an alumnus choir event though most had not sung at Synod before.

The selection of music, centered within the theme of water, peace and making glad, was enhanced with percussion instruments, including at one point during rehearsal, a water tank. We also had the privilege of singing original compositions by Mark Miller (Yale) and Dr. Scott (Ohio). Both accompanied as well.

Hopefully I will continue to have my singing voice with me in two years in Milwaukee! And, Dr. Scott may include a madrigal. A listing of participating churches of those sharing their gifts of music would have been interesting. Our less than 90 minute rehearsal prior to worship left little time to chat with those present other than a few section companions.

Worship Services at Synod are visually and musically spectacular. The Spirit speaks in many forms. The echoes of the week continue in heart and soul to prompt on going community calling.

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