

SACRED MUSIC INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

What does the church music program need in today's changing world? How can those needs be met without the large financial and time investment of a music degree?

Many part-time and some full-time church music directors do not have a degree in music, organ training, vocal training, knowledge of music theology, or understanding of the many resources that can aid them in implementing a quality program. There is usually no clear way for development, and, often, the cost of formalized academic study is an obstacle. The Sacred Music Institute of America aims to bridge this gap.

The Sacred Music Institute of America offers professional certification programs for the organist, choir director, and music director. Their faculty, richly experienced in the Methodist, Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, and Catholic traditions, offers seminars and courses that can be taken as part of the certification process or as individual areas of study. Organ lessons and voice lessons are available for those in any stage of learning. LCMS musicians may be interested to know that Professor of Organ and Hymnology Dr. Rebecca Abbott is an LCMS member and musician at Hope Lutheran in Sunbury, Ohio. Visit www.sacredmusicinstitute.org or contact Dr. Jason Keefer, Program Director, at 724-317-5618 or sacredmusicia@gmail.com.