

President's Message:
Recharged for a New Season!
— Bonny Tynch



Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you had time to recharge and really step away this summer. Last year was a year like no other, and we should all be proud of the tremendous work we did to make it through! At the end of our careers, I imagine we will look back on the last 18 months or so with tremendous pride and recognize our immense growth as educators and humans. I think we will also be able to acknowledge the opportunities for a purposeful reset, both personally and professionally, this season has given us.

As we negotiate our way forward in each corner of our choral worlds, I encourage you to take advantage of the resources at your fingertips with the newly updated [ACDA website](#). In this newsletter, you will find articles from some of your R&R chairs and the contact information for your VA-ACDA Leadership Team. We are here for you whether you need to find a copy of the updated protocols for safe singing in your place of worship or community; ideas for how to program for young singers that have been 'away' from singing chorally for a year; or inspiration for repertoire that will work for your choir. We have someone who has volunteered to help you! If you are not sure where to turn, you can always email me at btynch@vaacda.org and I will help point you in the right direction. Consider engaging with other members and keeping up with choral events in our Facebook group, [Virginia ACDA](#).

We strive to make membership in ACDA relevant, accessible, and meaningful for all who work in the rich variety of choral arts in our state. We recognize that we have tremendous room to grow, and we commit to thoughtfully examining our organization's structure and programming through the lens of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion principles.

We value your participation and depend on your help in identifying ways to serve choral communities throughout Virginia—even those who are not currently a part of our membership. Perhaps you have new colleagues or veteran colleagues that have not found the resources or reasons to become members of ACDA. Please invite them to join us in VA-ACDA! Starting today, September 15 through November 15, we are participating in the SingUP! Membership campaign and have several complimentary memberships to share! And, for renewing members: beat the deadline and be entered for a chance to win a free membership next year!

I am looking forward to music making this year, and I hope you will share your joys, successes, challenges, questions, failures, hopes, needs and ideas with your choral community throughout it all. Here's to you, Virginia ACDA.

Warmly,
Bonny M. Tynch
President
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