



## CHARLES WESLEY SINGERS Summer Youth Mission Tour California 2020



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### TOUR THEME AND GOALS

The Charles Wesley Singers of Damascus United Methodist Church are touring California from June 23 to July 1, 2020. Our tour theme is *Singing Everlastingly*, and we intend to share a concert featuring songs we lift up to God, culminating in Charles H.H. Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens*. Love offerings received during concert are given to causes of the host church's choosing or missions through the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Last year we collected more than \$4,000 from tour offerings.

We will give daily concerts and continue our spontaneous singing appearances in order to reach and encourage broad concert audiences. Plans are coming together for host churches, and we anticipate concerts most nights of tour and other special events like a day at Yosemite National Park, souvenir shopping opportunities, and sight-seeing at landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Newport Beach and the Walk of Stars.

### TOUR COST: \$1,200 | FUNDRAISERS

- Tour cost is \$1,200 per person - Payment in full must be received by June 1, **and we are asking for a deposit be made in the amount of \$250 by December 15<sup>th</sup>**. This will allow us to cover deposits for group airfare and bussing that need to be made well ahead of time.
- Partial and full scholarships available - contact Stephen directly for details
- Students may bring spending money, but price is inclusive
- We may use PayPal or another electronic payment method this year, in addition to accepting checks/cash
- Car wash?! Other ideas?!

### REHEARSALS

After Easter, Charles Wesley Singers will begin rehearsing for tour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays as indicated below. Regular rehearsals for the Charles Wesley Singers continue on Sundays from 5 to 6 pm, but extended rehearsal hours will be for tour music only. Please note the schedule below.

- Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm - April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20, 27; June 3, 10, 17
- Sundays - regular rehearsal time 5 to 6 pm - March, April (no practice on Easter Sunday, 4/12)
- Sundays - added hour (4 to 6 pm) - May 3, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14 (no practice on Mother's Day, 5/10, or Father's Day, 6/21)
- Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm - April 20; 27; May 4, 11, 18; June 1, 8, 15 (no practice on Memorial Day, 5/25)
- TOUR PREVIEW PROGRAM and DEDICATION - Sunday, June 21 - @ 9:30 am service or immediately following

## WHILE ON TOUR

- Concerts and concert attire
- Host homes and hotel/college campus stays
- Sections and section leaders
- Meals or meal money provided
- Atlantic Coast Charters
- Tour Water Bottles and T-shirts
- Chaperone duties
- Expectations and participant responsibilities
- Medications and wellness concerns
- Blog/photos

## TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Tuesday, June 23	Travel from BWI to San Diego, staying overnight in San Diego
Wednesday, June 24	PM Concert and Overnight – San Diego
Thursday, June 25	PM Concert and Overnight – Los Angeles
Friday, June 26	PM Concert and Overnight – Carmel-By-The-Sea
Saturday, June 27	PM Concert and Overnight – San Francisco
Sunday, June 28	Recreation and Overnight – Yosemite National Park Sunday Evensong Service in the park
Monday, June 29	PM Concert and Overnight – Bakersfield
Tuesday, June 30	PM Concert and Overnight – San Diego
Wednesday, July 1	Fly home to BWI
Thursday, July 2	7:00 PM Homecoming Concert at DUMC (Sanctuary) Tour Party – location TBD

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent assistance would be most appreciated in the following areas: fundraiser publicity and coordination, pool party coordination, snack provisions for pool party and bus, music folder preparation and clean up, other tasks