

Music Committee Questionnaire

I have been appointed as chairman of the NSAC Music Committee. Since I have been into music most of my life, I would like to inquire about the use of music in our churches. That is the reason for this questionnaire.

- **Since the NSAC Bylaws require a copy of the NSAC Manual and a copy of the NSAC Hymnbook be placed on the platform during services, does your church use the Hymnal for selection of hymns to be used in the service?**
- **If the hymnal is used, which hymns are primarily sung?**
- **If the church service uses more modern music, what is the source?**
- **Are copyright laws considered in the use of music in the service?**
- **Do you have a musician or accompanist to play an instrument in your services?**
- **Is your musician a paid worker or volunteer?**
- **Have you considered having a music student work at your church from a local college or university?**
- **Do you use “canned” music for singing?**
- **Does your church use the NSAC *Supplemental Hymnal*?**
- **Does your congregation have a favorite musical selection for any portion of the service?**
- **Do you use a recording, a tape, or a disc in your services?**
- **For a zoom service, do you have words shown on the screen to sing by?**
- **Do you have any suggestions for updating the music programs in our Spiritualist churches?**

Having been a member of a church known as “the Music Church” for the past 40 years, and being a trained singer, it is very important to me to include good music in our services. Our Pianist/Organist died, and our volunteer organist has also passed to the spirit side of life. I started singing in church choirs at the age of 10, and have sung for many different occasions (weddings, funerals, and celebrations), I am excited to hear from our churches and am willing to work with the committee to update our use of music in Spiritualism and our wonderful churches.

Please answer and forward your answers to:

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Thank you and I look forward to working with you and members of this committee.