

# **GUIDELINES FOR THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SINGING CHURCHWOMEN**

## **NAME**

The name of the organization shall be called Mississippi Baptist Singing Churchwomen. The chorus is made up music/worship ministry leaders from Baptist churches and institutions throughout Mississippi.

## **PURPOSE**

The Mississippi Baptist Singing Churchwomen is a praise and proclamation ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Convention serving local Baptist church needs and missions.

This is accomplished by:

- Glorifying God and spreading the gospel.
- Presenting concerts in Mississippi, the United States, and abroad
- Promoting fellowship among women serving in music leadership in Mississippi Baptist Churches.
- Encouraging the development of strong ministries through music in Mississippi Baptist Churches
- Engaging in local, state, national, and international mission projects.

## **MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility to join the Mississippi Baptist Singing Churchwomen is open to females who are eighteen years of age or older and serve in one or more of the following capacities in a Baptist affiliated institution:

- Full-time, part-time, volunteer, or retired Minister of Music
- Others active in leadership in Mississippi Baptist Church music/worship ministry, i.e. directors in all age group choirs, instrumental directors, accompanists, or other creative worship ministry group leadership.
- Female Music faculty of our Mississippi Baptist institutions of higher learning.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must be secured from and returned to the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

[www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org)

Those desiring membership must receive a recommendation by a minister of music or pastor. Further details about this process may be obtained through the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention, 601-292-3267.

## **PARTICIPATION**

Members will be notified regarding rehearsals, concert times and locations.

Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts. Any member unable to attend is expected to notify the Church Music Department, prior to any of these events.

An active roster will be maintained.

Members are asked to pay annual dues in the amount of \$25.00 by January 31 of each year.

A member will be placed on an inactive list in these instances:

Unpaid annual dues.

Non-attendance of rehearsals and/or concerts for a period of 1 year.

To be returned to the active roll, individual members must resume participation as stated above.

## **CONCERT DRESS**

At this time our concert dress will be a solid black modest top - three quarter or long sleeve - with solid black slacks or long black skirt.

Accessories should be limited to stud earrings.

Due to allergies, members shall **not** wear cologne, perfume, scented body lotion or scented hairspray.