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## THE HYMN SOCIETY HOLDS CONFERENCE IN MONTRÉAL

The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada will hold its Annual Conference July 16-19, 2023, on the campus of McGill University in Montréal. This year's theme, "**Land, Language, and Liberation,**" offers an opportunity to explore how to celebrate, praise God, and live into the church's mission in light of the challenges we face in the world today. Both in-person and online registrations are available.

The conference will include an abundance of opportunities for learning, connecting, celebrating, singing, and more:

- **Four hymn festivals** in all, led by **Frédéricka Petit-Homme, Jonathan Maracle, Robert Lebel,** and **Leslie Jordan,** with each festival including songs of various traditions and genres, including Gospel, First Nations, French Catholic, and Praise & Worship
- **Four plenary presentations** by **Kenny Wallace, Kuzipa Nalwamba, Lester Ruth,** and a panel led by **Anneli Loepf Thiessen** and **Becca Whitla**
- **Six featured sessions,** exploring various perspectives on the intersection of congregational song with culture, language, and more
- More than **thirty sectionals,** including new music showcases and sessions on historical topics, pedagogy, theology, and song from Canada, the Black diaspora, and outside North America
- A pre-conference **organ recital** by **Isabelle Demers**
- A **bookstore** and **silent auction**
- Times to **eat, sing,** and **share conversation**

Anyone who believes in the importance of congregational song is welcome to register for the full conference. **Advance registration rates** are available through June 15. For more information or to register, visit [www.thehymnsociety.org](http://www.thehymnsociety.org).

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Founded in 1922, The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada is an ecumenical organization of people who are passionate about hymns and congregational song. The Hymn Society community, open to all, is made up of scholars, church musicians, poets, composers, choir directors, choir members, clergy, worship planners, song leaders, music publishers, music educators, and people who love to sing. We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith, heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace. Our mission, therefore, is to encourage, promote, and enliven congregational song