

**The Notre Dame Children's Choir announces a Hymn Competition for a new hymn with original text and original music.**

**Theme:**

The original text and tune will address the theme of God's love and our relationship with one another during times of turmoil. Put another way, in light of recent domestic and international violence, refugees searching for safety, nation warring against nation, and political divisiveness, craft a hymn text and tune that speaks to God's all encompassing love that is made complete through connection with one another.

John 4:12 - No one has ever seen God: but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

The number of verses of the HYMN is at the submitter's discretion.

**Musical Guidelines:**

- The new HYMN for will be for congregational use to be led by children's voices **with organ accompaniment**.
- The HYMN must include a unison melody with descant, SATB vocal harmonization with descant preferred.
- The music should be in the traditional hymnic style of the Episcopal 1982 hymnal, the New English Hymnal, or in the style of the English Cathedral hymn.
- The text must be in English. Preferred Melody Range: D4-E5, Descant may reach A5

**Prize:**

The winning entry will receive \$600, have their HYMN sung by the Notre Dame Children's Choir, and the HYMN will be considered for recording by the Notre Dame Children's Choir on their next album.

- One entry per applicant. Co-applicants may apply as text and musical authors, though only one \$600 prize will be awarded.

**Deadline:**

Entries will be accepted between Jan. 23, 2016 and midnight on March 31, 2016.

The winner will be announced by April 15, 2016.

**For more information, official competition rules, and to submit your entry, visit:** <http://www.ndcchoir.org/#!/hymncompetition2016/cdqk>

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*Please note that full-time employees and their spouses are ineligible to participate in the competition.*