

Stanley J. Thurston Named Foundry's New Director of Music



June 8, 2008

This morning we announced to the congregation of Foundry church that Stanley Thurston has accepted our offer to become our Director of Music.

I am very grateful to our search committee, to Paul Hazen and David Kidwell-Slak who provided strong leadership for the committee, to SPRC and its chair Paula Blair, to our consultants Vivian McCarthy of the Baltimore-Washington Conference and Douglas Beck of Virginia Theological Seminary, to our choirs and to all those who participated in interviews and auditions.

I am grateful to all of the candidates for this position. We were blessed with excellent candidates. I am especially grateful to Stanley for his gifted service as an interim director and for his patience and commitment during the search process.

I remain awed by the dedication of our choirs and leaders to continuing Foundry's tradition of a quality music program and appreciate your embrace of Stanley.

I believe that we have a very exciting future ahead of us in our worship life together. Stanley will continue to help us to grow musically and spiritually. We have asked Stanley not only to lead us in the ministry of music but to challenge us to reach new heights of the beauty and community that music enables.

I ask you to recommit yourself with me to joining in and leading worship that brings us into the presence of the transcendent God, that puts voice to our praise and our lament, that encourages and challenges, and that feeds and renews our commitment to justice and service.

Dean J. Snyder, Senior Minister
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