



'Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again, Rejoice!'
Philippians 4:4

Celebrating 92 Years of Christian Service

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To: Members, Family and Friends of Sherman United Methodist Church

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice! The renowned **Fisk University Choir** is once again ready to astound and uplift us with their gifts. On **Friday, October 17, 2014 from 7 to 9pm**, rejoice with us as we present this choir in concert **at Sherman United Methodist Church, 2214 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois for the seventh consecutive year.**

The talented and disciplined young people who comprise this choir assure us that Fisk University continues to prepare African-American students to become tomorrow's leaders. But even as we celebrate these young people, we know they face economic challenges. We would like you to partner with us to help Fisk students meet those challenges.

Over the seven year relationship Sherman has enjoyed with the Fisk Choir, we have raised over \$32,000.00 that has gone directly to the Fisk General Scholarship fund. While this is a good effort, we can be of greater assistance this year. Currently, **nine out of ten** Fisk students require financial assistance to attend and obtain a degree from Fisk University. This is well above the National average and is a reflection of the economy and funding needed by our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The 2014 Fisk Committee has a goal of providing the Fisk University General Scholarship fund with a donation of \$10,000.00 from this year's fundraiser. This is an aggressive goal, but a goal we can achieve, if we all pitch in! Your sponsorship of the upcoming Fisk Concert can make a significant difference in our efforts to support this landmark university!

We are asking that all Sherman United Methodist members contribute as sponsors to this year's fund raiser. Imagine how quickly we can reach our goal with sponsorships at the Legacy (\$1,000) level! If you have been a past sponsor, won't you consider increasing your donation this year? While not everyone can donate at the Legacy level, we encourage you to become a sponsor at your level. Donations as small as \$25.00 will be noted in the Concert program book, but more importantly, they will help a Fisk student continue his/her journey to graduation. **Additionally, 50% (half) of your donation will be used right here at Sherman United Methodist Church** to support the various ministries and services we call out in our Mission and Vision Statement.

Our call is clear; our actions can speak volumes as our answer to the call! Please consider this urgent plea in support of this worthwhile fundraiser! Please see the attached form to make your donation today.

Yours in Christ,

The 2014 Fisk Concert and SUMC 92nd Anniversary Committee

**FISK UNIVERSITY CONCERT INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES
And General Admission**

Legacy Package – \$1,000

Inclusion in all communication and public relations materials
Program book recognition
4 concert tickets
Invitation to a special VIP Fisk University reception

Sustainer Package – \$500

Inclusion in all communication and public relations materials
Program book recognition
2 concert tickets

Supporter Package – \$250

Inclusion in all communication and public relations materials
Program book recognition
1 concert ticket

Patron Package – \$25 - \$249

Inclusion in public relations materials

General Admission

- \$30 each; 2 tickets for \$50. Student tickets - \$20 each w/Student ID

Detach here and enclose with your check or money order.

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