

## **Music Minister Council Report**

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1. I learned at our recent staff meeting that health insurance is an ongoing issue for staff. I have spoken to both Keith Hopkey and Michael Harris to try to understand how this impacts me. I want to state for the record that my insurance premiums have always been paid with post-tax money. If I understand correctly, the only change for me is that I will be sending in payment directly to my insurer rather than the church sending in a payment that is collected from me.

I hope that for next year (2016) it will be possible to investigate group health plans that include all the staff.

2. Our new youth band and KidSong is coming along well. Although it's a contemporary song, they will be presenting music this Sunday at the 11:30am service. Presently there are five singers in addition to keyboard, drums, and bass. I have a spoken commitment from a young guitarist to join us soon. How fun!
3. During three Saturday evenings during Lent I will be working with a group of youth to prepare for the Easter Vigil. In the past few years we have offered drama and music in response to one of the Bible readings.
4. Summer camp dates are now set, at least provisionally, so that other summer programs (VBS) can also set dates. There will be three weeks of camp this summer.

TeenSong camp: June 15-June 26; performance June 26

KidSong camp: August 3-August 7; performance August 7

This year we are returning to a previous summer format. For sake of variety and staffing, The TeenSong camp will be more of a concert, with drama included, a change from recent full musicals. The KidSong camp will return to a stand alone camp, geared toward increasing participation year round in the KidSong Music Club.