



COMMONGROUND

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CG WORSHIP TEAM GENERAL INFORMATION

We're excited that you're interested in being a part of the worship team at Commonground Church (CG)! It is a fun, challenging, and rewarding ministry. If God has gifted you with musical or technical talent, we want you to be able to use it for His glory! This is a somewhat complex ministry with many moving parts. So for your advantage, and that of the worship ministry as a whole, there is a short process to become a regularly scheduled member of the worship team. Here are the first few steps...

- Prayerfully consider your involvement.
- Please read the following information in its entirety.
- Please fill out the application at the end

Overview

One of the core values at CG is worship – using our every breath in whatever we do for God's glory and purpose. We desire to equip our people to live a life of worship, wherever they live, work, study, play, or shop. Living in close relationship with God is an awesome and humbling privilege that we encourage at every opportunity. The worship ministry seeks to enhance that relationship by giving our people an opportunity to praise God together in a weekend worship environment, and sending them out to be God's hands and feet the other 99% of the week.

General Understanding

Many people are talented in various ways. CG is looking for a specific style and sound from its musicians and vocalists because a praise band/team is very different from a choral/choir style and sound. Please understand, **in advance**, that by applying for a position on the team **does not mean** that you will be chosen, or chosen at this time. If you are easily offended, please reconsider applying until you are spiritually and emotionally prepared to possibly not be selected. This does not necessarily mean you are not talented, but perhaps just not what we are looking for at this time. Thank you for preserving unity at CG with this attitude going in!

Team Commitment and Expectations

We want worship to be simple. Accessible. Singing to God with a sincere heart does not have or need to be complex. With that said there is a certain level of preparation, planning, and practice that goes into making each and every worship service simple. Because of this, there is a certain level of commitment that is required from the worship team that exceeds other ministries. This commitment can take on many forms. Here are a few practical areas where level of commitment is most evident:

1. **Spiritual Preparation:** Worship on a platform is the overflow of a lifestyle of worship and a heart that is well-cultivated throughout the week. Personal spiritual intimacy with Jesus is our FIRST priority. One hour on a Sunday morning is a mere .6% of a week. If the only time you “worship” is .6% of your week, something is wrong. How can we lead people where we ourselves have not gone?
2. **Musical Preparation:** Rehearsals are infinitely smoother when everyone has listened to, practiced with, and memorized the scheduled music. Being prepared also means having any gear or equipment that you intend to use on Sunday with you for practice (lyric sheets or chord charts are provided on Planning Center Online – more on this later). Unless otherwise posted, you are expected to learn your parts exactly like the MP3, giving special attention to the tonal qualities of each instrument. For teamwork to happen effectively, we rely on you to play your part accordingly.
3. **Attitude:** When ideas or suggestions are presented and received with a good attitude, the results are monumental for effective team building. If there are technical, musical or miscellaneous complications, keep attitudes positive and morale high. Be open to the constructive criticism of the worship leader. They are trying to pull out every bit of greatness in you they can find, so be patient and receptive of constructive feedback.
4. **Punctuality:** Everyone’s time is valuable. It’s important that everyone be punctual for rehearsals so that we can use our limited time as efficiently as possible. Arriving early is always a great idea. Arriving “on time” and then having to set up is not arriving “on time”! We are very serious about punctuality. Being on time is a respect issue. Tardiness communicates a lack of respect for your colleagues, for CG, and for the Lord. If an unexpected situation arises and you know you will be late, please communicate as quickly as possible with the worship leader.
5. **Dress:** CGCC has a very relaxed unofficial “dress code.” However, there are a few basic requirements. Shoulders, neckline, and the mid-section should be appropriately covered at all times. Skirts are allowed but should come down well below the knee. Shorts of any length and any article of clothing with questionable text or graphics should not be worn. We want everyone’s focus to be on God. Anything that takes focus off of Him is a hindrance to our ultimate goal. Should your choice of clothing not meet this standard, you will not be able to lead until it has been resolved. This decision is up to the pastor and/or the worship leader.
6. **Flexibility:** The worship pastor always tries to give adequate notice of schedule or set-list changes. While it is not uncommon for these changes to take place, it is only done when necessary. It is recommended that you periodically check back with Planning Center to view any potential changes.

CGCC WORSHIP TEAM APPLICATION

Please fill this application out completely. After applications are reviewed, every applicant (instrumentalists and vocalists) will go through a try-out process, where they will be required to listen to an MP3 track and practice prior to attending the try-out. Vocalists will be required to learn the lead part and both harmonies prior to attending the try-out and will be required to sing through all parts during the try-out. We ask everyone to be prepared in advance, as this shows your seriousness toward this ministry and evidence that excellence is a part of your understanding. Remember, trying out is not a guarantee of a spot on the praise team.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I am currently:

in high school

attending college

working

Marital Status:

Single

Married

Engaged

Separated

Divorced

If married, does your spouse support your involvement in this ministry?

Yes

No

Are you a member of CG (this means you have taken Class 101 and turned in your paperwork)?

Yes

No

Are you in a CG LifeGroup?

Yes

No

Share your salvation story:

Share what God is currently teaching you:

Area of interest:

- Vocal Instrumental Both

Do you feel that you are at a musical level that is consistent with CG's current standard of excellence?

- Yes No I think I'm close Unsure

Availability (this means rehearsal and Sundays):

- As often as possible 2-3 times per month Once a month
- Occasionally

Vocalist Information

Vocal Range:

- Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Unsure

Have you sung with a worship team, choir, or praise team before?

- Yes No

If yes, please explain where and in what capacity:

How would you describe your vocal style? (i.e. rock, pop, country, gospel, etc.)

Do you have a natural ear for picking out harmony parts?

- Yes No

Can you read music?

- Yes No

What are your vocal strengths?

What are your vocal weaknesses?

Instrumentalist Information

What is your primary instrument?

What is your secondary instrument?

How long have you been playing?

What styles do you enjoy playing?

Have you played in a band or on a worship team before?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain where and in what capacity:

Do you own your own gear?

Yes

No

If so, what type of gear do you use? (i.e. brand of guitars, amps, types of effects pedals, etc.)

What are your musical strengths?

What are your musical weaknesses?

I have read this entire application. I understand and can meet the commitments and requirements expected of a member of the worship team and I want to commit to serving Jesus through this ministry, if I am so chosen.

Print Name

Sign Name

Date