



**EVERYBODY
SINGS**



CANADA & BERMUDA



SONGSTERS

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WHY A CHOIR?

A songster brigade/church choir provides musical support for your pastor and congregation. The choir can be an integral part of worship leading and assist in introducing new songs. The choir can foster relationship building between corps members and nurture committed membership.

STEPS

Assemble a Team

- Find a music leader

The music leader selects and leads the choir in rehearsal and contributions to worship. They encourage the choir to support weekly worship through music. The leader should be a member of your corps and a positive example of Christian living.

- Find a choir manager

The manager supports the music leader by assisting with set-up and logistics, as well as personnel management. They should be a member of the corps and be an important individual in the spiritual nurturing of choir members.

- Find an accompanist

Identify a capable accompanist for the choir. Other accompaniment options can be used where needed. These options can be found on the Everybody Sings website.





Time and Place

Find a rehearsal time that works for your leaders and choir members while considering other activities already being held at your corps. The corps sanctuary or fellowship hall could provide the rehearsal space needed.

Recruit Members

An announcement, email or poster in your corps will inform soldiers, adherents and friends about the choir. Spread the word - have conversations with potential members and invite them along.

Find Music

When looking for music, keep in mind the number and level of the singers in the group. Try to choose music that they will enjoy singing and that speaks into the life of your congregation. For a list of websites to purchase music from, see the Everybody Sings website.

Funding

Even if the corps provides financial support to your choir, additional funds may be required on occasion. Examples could include additional music purchases, concerts, social events, or travel. For ways to further support the choir financially, consider having a concert and charging admission, set up a system for dues or membership fees, or try fundraisers. Be sure to seek approval from your corps officer before planning these events.





Make plans

Encourage the choir to sing in church services and special events on a regular basis. Even if they do not sing every Sunday, the choir should be encouraged to still take part in the service as a support to congregational singing. Look for opportunities for the choir to sing in the community at festivals, senior's homes and park concerts. Plan fellowship events for the choir as an opportunity for members to build relationships with fellow members and their families.

GET STARTED

Follow these steps to start a songster brigade or church choir. You may experience some hurdles along the way, but there is an answer to every problem.

Find it here:

www.samagacb.com/everybody-sings

