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MUSIC OUTREACH, CLASSES, AND RESOURCES ON THE BORDER

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The minute I walked into the convention center, I heard singing and music playing in the distance. There were guitars, violins, big bass guitars, drums, and a tambourine. It sounded like music fit for the celebration of a King!

As I came closer, I noted that the group was in a small room practicing for the celebration. I stopped to listen. I began to smile and tap my toe to the beat of the music. I closed my eyes and was reminded of a church organist practicing the hymns for Sunday worship services or an upcoming funeral, a school choir rehearsing for Easter and Christmas programs, a soloist preparing for a performance, or a high school marching band getting ready for a parade.

Music brings unity to church and school communities. It is a gift to children of all ages and cultures. Music is goodness and joy in action and makes us happy.

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

to you, O Lord,

I will make music (Psalm 101:1).

As the practice came to a close, the leader paused, closed his eyes, and thanked the Lord for the blessings of the “joyful sound” of music.

We, too, thank You, Lord, for the joyful sound of music. May it be to Your glory and for Your praise. Amen.

(Based on a memory from the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico)