



News Release from the Royal School of Church Music

SENTAMU ENDORSES WORLD MUSIC SONGBOOK.

A photocopiable resource for schools and churches featuring ninety-nine inspirational songs from all the world, has just been published by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). “In every corner sing” also includes a CD with mp3 backing tracks for downloading onto computers and ipods. Many of the songs can be learnt and sung by a congregation.

“In every corner sing” has been edited and compiled by the international church musician Geoff Weaver, who this month is the musical director for the Lambeth Conference attended by Anglican bishops from all over the world. In a Foreword commending the collection, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu writes, “it is only in the past 50 years or so Christians in the West have come to appreciate what a wealth of song Christians from other parts of the world have to share.”

“In every corner sing” includes songs from all corners of the globe including Zimbabwe, Lebanon, India, Korea, Argentina and New Zealand. Geoff Weaver, who is much in demand to teach and lecture, and to lead music at conferences and courses, says the book is compiled from years of globetrotting, including fourteen years with the Church Missionary Society. “I’ve selected songs which seem to strike a chord with Christians in the UK, and are popular with people in their own country, but which I feel should be better known throughout the world.” The songs have been divided into different types, such as Gathering Songs, Short Chants, Praise Songs and Psalm Songs, and for Sending Out. Geoff Weaver says that “by choosing to sing these songs, we can identify with the concerns and prayers of Christians who sing these songs to express their hopes and fears.”

The book contains songs for choral and congregational singing. As well as a CD of mp3 backing tracks, there are hints and tips about performance and information about the context of each song.

“In every corner sing” can be obtained from RSCM Music Direct:

Price £50.00 – or £35.00 if ordered via the RSCM online shop before 31st August 2008
(RSCM members can claim a 25% discount)

Order directly from RSCM Music Direct (cheques made payable to *Norwich Books & Music*),
St Mary’s Works, St Mary’s Plain, Norwich, NR3 3BH.

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Notes for Editors:

Review copies are available on request. Please contact Heather Bamber (below)

Please contact us if you would like to arrange an interview with Geoff Weaver.

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