

July 24, 1999

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Minneapolis, MN 55418

Dear Rev. Beissel,

By now you will have received a copy of the final draft of the Order of Service for Sunday, September 5 from Mary. I believe everything is as we agreed upon and we will be sending the hymns to the E mail address you gave me:- pedwards@centralmpls.org I trust this is correct.

The following items are just by way of review for my benefit

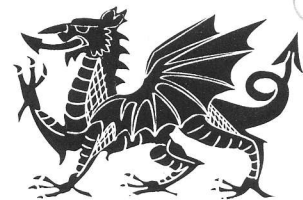
1. We have requested a small table for the vases and the flowers at the memorial service and it must be lower than an eating type table, no taller than 26" since the vases are quite tall.
2. Rev. Dr. Vivian Jones will read the Gospel Lesson just prior to his sermon.
3. You would like a meeting with both Rev. Jones and Rev. Morgan sometime before that Sunday. I will be in touch regarding when and where once I know when they both will arrive. If they arrive by Thursday Sept. 2 that might work better for me getting them there since I will be quite busy come Friday
4. I would like to talk with Mr. Parsons regarding the music part of the service ie: the bell ringer/s. I hope I can do it via the telephone.
5. Our organization will use colored envelopes for our portion of the offering with all other loose offering to be retained by Central. Two of our representatives will be responsible for separating and counting our portion after the service on Sunday.
6. We will use Central's ushers with members of our organization serving as greeters.

Copies of the Order of Service have been sent to both ministers as well as my committee members Margaret Thomas & John Morrison. All of our participants in the service have been asked to meet in the Fireside Room by 10:30am and been supplied with a floor plan of the office area there so they can find the Fireside Room. I think that covers it, please contact me if I've missed something.

Sincerely
Wae Anderson

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September 11, 1999

The Rev. Craig Lewis
Central Lutheran Church
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Minneapolis, MN 55404-1496

Dear Pastor Lewis:

Your August 31 letter arrived at the International Headquarters during the time we were in Minneapolis for the National Gymanfa Ganu last weekend. We do extend to you and the other staff members our appreciation for allowing us to hold several of our events at Central. The feedback we have received within these first few days since the Gymanfa Ganu have been very positive.

Be assured that the Minneapolis Venue Committee respected Central's schedule and its commitment to its members.

What caused a concern among the Venue Committee members was the lateness of the adjustments that had to be made. Even though we had worked out the details some months ago, it caught us by surprise to learn that changes had to be made within the last week before the festival began; all changes were made in accordance with your decisions.

We very much regret the inconvenience which this may have caused your staff and parishioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellis J. Jones".

Ellis J. Jones
Executive Director and
Venue Co-Chairperson

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c: The Reverend Elizabeth Beissel, Mae Anderson, Mary Mergenthal

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August 31, 1999

Dr. Ellis J. Jones
The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.
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Dear Dr. Jones:

This weekend it will be our privilege to serve as the site for several events during the 68th Annual Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu here in Minneapolis. It is always good for Christians of differing origins and differing traditions to come together to find expression of our common faith. Because I fear the possibility of misunderstanding regarding the role of Central Lutheran Church, particularly since I have entered the process in the latter stages, I write to offer some clarification.

Since assuming the office of Senior Pastor at Central five months ago, I have been intent on affirming the long-standing policy of this congregation that parish events must take precedence in the use of our facilities. While we are happy to share our cathedral setting with others, the people who have long supported this place with their gifts and prayers must never be made to feel that their needs and wishes have been overlooked. We have made a number of accommodations in changing our schedules for the benefit of the Welsh Singing Festival, and it is my hope we have arrived at a position which is satisfactory to all. (In this regard, I cannot help but mention that the fee charged for the use of Central's facility over several days seems to be surprisingly modest.)

With regards to the Friday recording of the concert by the North American Welsh Choir, we have moved the preferred time of a parish funeral so that the choir's use of Central's sanctuary will not be interrupted. We have also moved our regular Sunday evening worship service to another site in the building so that the sanctuary will be available for the hymn singing. And we have arranged for a number of Central's staff to be on hand during the Saturday evening concert and during the Sunday afternoon and evening hymn singing so that unforeseen details may be dealt with and a sense of hospitality clearly conveyed.

With regards to the 11 o'clock Service of Holy Communion on Sunday morning, I have made some small adjustments in accordance with my prerogative in overseeing all worship services. It is my understanding that from the beginning it was agreed that those attending the Welsh Singing Festival would be most welcome to participate with us in our parish service, but at the end of the day it

would have to remain our service. We are delighted to welcome to our pulpit The Rev. Vivian Jones, our former neighbor, and to allow him to change the biblical readings for the service from those in our lectionary assigned for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost. And we are pleased to include special music and to use in our service hymns with Welsh tunes found in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Nonetheless, I have insisted that the memorial rite, which I understand is always part of your festival, be moved from the middle of the service to the conclusion, with a brief interval so that members of Central's congregation who may have no interest in these proceedings may leave. This will also allow your assembly to have ample time for the memorial rite, which otherwise would have to be somewhat hurried so that the service would not become overlong.

Again, let me say that I have made these small adjustments only to fulfill my role in preserving the integrity of this parish community, and not in any sense to indicate disrespect or cause inconvenience for the Welsh Singing Festival. It is my prayer that the entire festival time will be a blessing – for you and for us.

The peace of our Lord be with you.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig J. Lewis".

Craig J. Lewis (The Rev.)
Senior Pastor

CJL:k

cc: Rev. Elizabeth Beissel
Mae Anderson