

International Council of Ethnodoxologists (ICE)

... a network for culturally appropriate Christian worship

Happy New Year from ICE !

2007 -- a year of growth for ICE website

Use of the ICE website grew in numbers from 5200 visitors in 2006 to 9000 for 2007. People visited from 90 countries. The most active countries are USA, Canada, Sweden, Australia, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Singapore, China, Brazil, Russia, and India. This does not include the activity on our Googlegroups, which is now about 500 posts per year. The most active forum is Current Issues and Music Gnus. Thank you for your participation in ICE this year and for the way you encourage one another through your networking!

Googlegroups

To learn more about optional members-only Googlegroups, go to the following links for info and to apply for group membership:

Just in case you're wondering how much email that entails, the average number of posts per year is in parentheses.

- <http://groups.google.com/group/ENPR> (50)
- <http://groups.google.com/group/Music-Gnus> (140+)
- <http://groups.google.com/group/ICE-Tech> (20+)
- <http://groups.google.com/group/Francoforum> (<10)
- <http://groups.google.com/group/ICE-in-Africa> (<10)
- <http://groups.google.com/group/CurrentIssues> (185-300)

Incentives offered for multi-year renewals!

There are now outstanding benefits for multi-year **renewals** -- take advantage of these good deals!

- Renew for 4 years and you get the 5th year free! Just think, no renewals needed for 5 years!
- These multi-year renewals are available for all categories of association: student, regular associate, and organizational partners.
- If you want to add 5 years to your current renewal, you are welcome to do this - we'll automatically add them together, giving you 6 years before a renewal is needed.

Not only are there financial incentives for multi-year association, there are tremendous **extra benefits** as well! We have purchased web access to the searchable version of **Garland Encyclopedia of World Music Online**. This enormous resource is now available exclusively to those associates having five-year or lifetime association with ICE.

Blogs from the field

<http://worshipandthearts.blogspot.com> - A missional blog focused on the arts, Christ centered worship, & Japan (Paul Nethercott and Scot Eaton)

- 1) Arts related news and other information helpful to Christians who are reaching out to Japanese .
- 2) Raising the awareness of how the arts and worship relate and how the arts are an important part of missions.
- 3) Academic looks at Japanese music trends and their possible effects on Christian Worship
- 4) Critical examinations of Japanese media productions, how they relate to Japanese and Christian worldviews, and how to use them creatively in outreaches.
- 5) Building a network of like-minded people.

Resources

* Looking for a media clip to help your church understand worship or to use in teaching about worship? Grove Films has done a short (3:22) film titled "The Gift of Worship" which can be viewed (and purchased) at <http://www.grovetfilms.com> -- Description from the site: Most Christians need to learn that the heart of worship is giving to God, not receiving from Him. Help equip and train your people to understand this biblical truth. (Music by Jeremy Riddle)

* Want to know where to find about 40 festivals of world music and world sacred music in many countries? See www.worldofworship.org/Links/AcademicLinks.htm#WorldSacred

* NMM (Native Missionary Movement) has posted 120 free songs (Real Player format) online at www.nmmindia.org/song.htm. These are Christian songs in Hindi, mostly in Indian pop music style, under the auspices of the Filadelfia Music Group. CDs are available by writing contact@nmmindia.org. A set of 5 full recordings in mp3 format is available on a single CD from www.multilanguage.com/music/Default.htm .

Worship Notes

The December issue of *Worship Notes* is now ready for viewing and/or downloading at www.worr.org. This issue focuses on the theme of Christmas, and includes:

- * Theme article on "The Canticles of Christmas" (the psalms of praise of Mary, Zechariah, Simeon and the angels in Luke 1 and 2)
- * Biblical/pictorial reflection on "Jesus Christ, the True Light"
- * Review of article by John Witvliet on rightly using Isaiah (and the Scriptures in general) in our Christmas worship and at other times
- * Info on upcoming worship event

***The ICE network exists to encourage and equip
Christ-followers in every culture to express their faith
through their own heart music and other arts.***

***We facilitate online networking and provide resources
for the development of culturally appropriate Christian worship,
utilizing insights from ethnomusicology, missiology, worship studies and the arts.***