

International Council of Ethnodoxologists (ICE)

... a network for culturally appropriate Christian worship

Why does ICE provide forums?

- ICE is a growing "Community of Practice" whose vision has been in part to establish a common body of knowledge about ethnodoxology and to help one another apply that knowledge to the challenges we face in our work. You, as members, are "living repositories" of that knowledge. [1]
- When we share knowledge, we demonstrate that it doesn't belong to us as individuals; it's a public good belonging to our professional community. [2]
- To have a vital and healthy "Community of Practice" members must both **give and take**: [3]
 - **Give**: A willingness to share knowledge
 - **Take**: A willingness to use our community as a source of knowledge.
- **A Challenge: After reading the FAQ below, try it out! Make a post to one of the groups below this month -- we'll all be richer for the interaction!**

Who has access to ICE forums?

- Anyone with current ICE membership. If your membership lapses, we discontinue your forum memberships, assuming you have moved on to other things ☺.
- The only Google group that non-members can apply to receive is the Newsletter.
- All 230+ ICE members are subscribed to ICE Announcements, Newsletter, and General Help.
- All other forums are optional; you can subscribe to them if you are a member.
- Why do we limit the forums to members only?
 - So that we protect ourselves from security risks.
 - So that you will know you are posting to like-minded people that you can trust
- Any member can post to the forums (even new members) without feeling intimidated, because all the forums are moderated. This means we check each post before approving it to go out to make sure it is **on topic** as well as **appropriate** for the audience and for that particular forum. We'll give you feedback as needed!

How to use the ICE Google Group forums:

1) **If you wish to access the forum archives** or to have an online "My Groups" page, you'll need to have a "Google Account" – (**not** the same as a Gmail address). You can use any email to sign up for a Google account. This account is free and fast to set up by doing the following steps:

- a) go to www.googlegroups.com and click in the upper right hand corner on "sign in"
- b) here you can either sign in or press "Create an account"
- c) follow the directions, being sure to use your preferred email for your forums
- d) when you are done, your "My Groups" page at the Google site will automatically show the forums to which you are subscribed with **that email**.

2) **Google treats each email address as a separate person** – so if you are subscribed with one address, but try to “post” or access archives with another address, you will be denied access. This is what keeps our groups secure, so it’s a good thing! If you wish to be able to post from more than one address, just subscribe to your groups with more than one address.

3) **Google has no way of knowing when you change addresses** – you’ll need to unsubscribe with your old address and re-subscribe with the new address.

4) **To subscribe to a forum, use the grey “forum box” on the home page** www.worldofworship.org. If you need further assistance, write to info@worldofworship.org with specific questions and we’ll help.

What are the current ICE forums?

ICENewsletters@googlegroups.com - The primary means by which associates and “friends of ICE” will be kept informed on the activities and news of ICE.

GeneralHelp@googlegroups.com - For giving and receiving practical advice and help for your ethnodoxology-related ministry needs.

ICEAnnouncements@googlegroups.com – For sharing with one another our ethnodoxology-related opportunities and news announcements.

CurrentIssues@googlegroups.com - For discussion on aspects of ethnomusicology, from "best practices" to thorny issues which benefit from our collective wisdom.

ENPR@googlegroups.com - Ethnodoxology News and Prayer Requests is for encouragement and mutual prayer for our ethnodoxology-related concerns.

Francoforum@googlegroups.com - Un forum où les membres francophones du ICE peuvent discuter ensemble en français.

ICE-in-Africa@googlegroups.com - For encouragement, prayer, networking, and practical help for ICE associates interested in ethnodoxology in Africa.

ICE-Tech@googlegroups.com - For discussing the technology needs of ICE associates; video, audio, and computer-related issues.

MusicGnus@googlegroups.com - Tidbits which are newsworthy, odd, useful, provocative, or ridiculous. For sharing music-related information which will make others think, laugh or sigh.

ICE-SAW@googlegroups.com - **Support-for-Academic-Writers** is for ICE members involved in academic writing: dissertations, theses, articles, and books. We support one another in prayer and give feedback and collegial advice regarding semantic intricacies, literature and media resources, and other issues relating to writing and publishing.

[1] Wenger, E., R., McDermott, and Snyder, *Cultivating Communities of Practice*. Harvard Business School Press, 2002.

[2] A. Ardichivili, Page, and Wentling, "Motivation and Barriers to Participation in Virtual Knowledge-Sharing Communities of Practice" (2002:15), available at http://apollon1.alba.edu.gr/OKLC2002/Proceedings/pdf_files/ID78.pdf; accessed 9 May, 2009.

[3] *Ibid.*, p. 4-5.

**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.**

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