

# THE MINISTRY OF CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

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## *John as song enlivener/worship leader*

- A Sunday morning sermon in song
- An afternoon or evening of world song, featuring lively praise from Central and South America, Africa and Asia
- Introducing your congregation to a deeper understanding of its own hymnal, or to one of the recent hymnal supplements
- Using a Sunday morning or some other occasion to trace a Christian doctrine or biblical theme in song, “across the centuries, across the styles, across the globe”
- Helping a choir, band or other ensemble be more effective in their leadership of the congregation’s singing
- Planning and leading worship for a church-wide retreat or leadership retreat

## *John as consultant*

- helping assess the current musical ‘diet’ of your congregation to see if it is balanced and nutritious
- helping mediate disputes among groups in a congregation that don’t appreciate each others’ passions
- helping you find the most poignant and appropriate hymns, songs and choruses for Sunday morning worship
- helping you expand your awareness of the vast supply of interesting church music and congregational song that is available

## *John as poet*

- commissions for situation-specific hymns to honor people, occasions, anniversaries, or just because a new song may bring new life and meaning
- liturgical material for special occasions; poetry or prose to connect pieces in a concert

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