

Encouragement for Affiliated churches

Membership Year 2022

The RSCM encourages all its Affiliated churches to uphold these broad principles for their work at local level. It does not seek to impose uniformity in detail; but through its own training programmes and resources, it supports and facilitates members to achieve the stated aims. The RSCM invites all Affiliated churches to display this Statement of Aims in their building, and to share it within the church community.

RSCM Statement of Aims

In this church:

1. The music supports worship and the deepening of the Christian faith of those who attend worship.
2. Music is offered to the best standards achievable by those delivering it, recognising that God deserves our best efforts.
3. The music used in worship is chosen with care and consideration.
4. The words of all sung music are regarded as at least as important as the music, intended to be delivered with clarity and meaning.
5. The role of musicians in the leading of worship is recognised as important, and understood to include said as well as sung elements of services.
6. We value each person as bearing the image of God and as someone who should be protected from harm.

*The RSCM's motto is 'psallam spiritu et mente':
I will sing with the spirit, and with the understanding also.*



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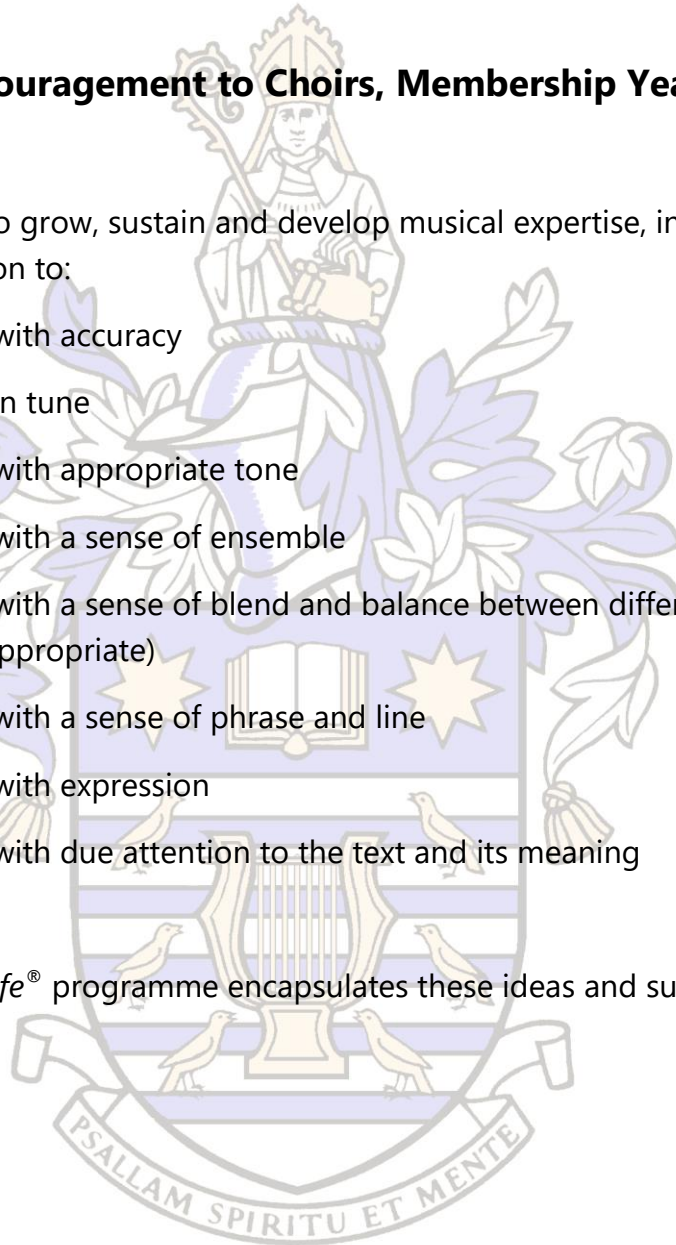
Where the church has a choir, the following additional principles may also be displayed in a suitable place:

RSCM Encouragement to Choirs, Membership Year 2022

This choir aspires to grow, sustain and develop musical expertise, including paying due attention to:

- a. Singing with accuracy
- b. Singing in tune
- c. Singing with appropriate tone
- d. Singing with a sense of ensemble
- e. Singing with a sense of blend and balance between different parts (where appropriate)
- f. Singing with a sense of phrase and line
- g. Singing with expression
- h. Singing with due attention to the text and its meaning

RSCM's *Voice for Life*[®] programme encapsulates these ideas and supports their development.



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