

# Church Choir Director Immersion Day

Friday, November 21 at St. Olaf College in Northfield

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45, lunch included

Open to anyone, ACDA membership not required

In conjunction with the ACDA-MN November convention, an Immersion Day for church choir directors is being offered, focusing on specific issues inherent to the church choral director: training adult voices, developing artistry in volunteer singers, and cultivating a community in the church choir setting.

Presenters for the Immersion Day are:

**Anton Armstrong**, Conductor of the St. Olaf Choir

**Maureen Putnam**, Church Choir director & Repertory and Standards Chair for ACDA-MN

**Axel Theimer**, Conductor at Saint John's University & teacher with the Voice Care Network.

Through lectures, active singing, and discussion, participants will focus on helping their singers reach their full potential, while building a community that their singers find valuable in the rehearsal and worship setting.

Schedule:

9:00 – 9:20 – Registration (in Buntrock Commons)

9:20 – Welcome (Studio A in Skifter Hall)

9:30 – 10:30 Axel Theimer – THE ADULT VOICE: a practical look at the workings of the voice and strategies to help the voice reach it's full potential.

10:30 – 10:35 Stretch break

10:35 – 11:35 Anton Armstrong - BODY, MIND, SPIRIT, VOICE: OUR VOCATION AS PASTORAL CHURCH MUSICIANS. Commentary will reflect upon ways in which we may become more inspirational choral pedagogues and nurture the people we lead as caring, compassionate and expressive people.

11:45 – 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 – 1:30 Maureen Putnam – BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE CHURCH CHOIR: a discussion on building community in the church choir setting, fostering relationships and team building, fellowship and friendship (small group ministry approach).

Registration: [www.acda-mn.org](http://www.acda-mn.org) and at the door.

Pre-registration by November 7 is requested to help in planning.