



## **Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc.**

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Grace and Peace from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We serve a God Whose hallmarks are Grace and Peace. That which is neither grace- nor peace-filled is by definition unGodly. As a Christian organization, the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. (GMWA) is committed to the path of Grace and Peace.

In recent days, social media posts regarding the GMWA and members of its leadership team have come to the fore. These posts are the antithesis of Grace and Peace: unfounded speculation as to non-existent personal loans between GMWA, Inc. and GMWA leadership (complete with usurious loan documents and a faked wire transfer); unauthorized and (possibly) criminal disclosure of personal information (to include addresses and credit card information); unproven, slanderous allegations of misappropriation of funds, marital infidelity and flawed character.

All of this seems to center around concerns that delegates are paying above-market rates for hotel rooms at our semi-annual gatherings. Let me assure you that this is an absolute lie. The hotel rates for our Board Meeting and Convention are based on the programming space that is required for our operations. At our Convention, for example, we use 5 ballrooms and some 40 classroom spaces all-day, each day. That space is not free. We pay for that space – space that is necessary to accommodate the Academic Division; Performance Division; Daily Bread; Nightly Musical; Men's, Women's, Children's, Youth/Young Adults' and Contemporary Adults' Division Programming. Our expansive programming costs us. The only way to cover those costs is to price the hotel rooms at a rate that covers the programming space.

As for the allegation that some principals in and guests of our Convention receive complimentary hotel rooms, this is true and is not a secret. It is an industry standard that a hotel offer 1 complimentary room-night for every 40 room-nights of business brought to the hotel by a hosting convention. Those complimentary rooms have no dollar value. Not using them would not decrease the cost of delegate rooms. The complimentary rooms list is assigned by the Chairman. Complimentary rooms are assigned based on (a) guest status and (b) the work done by individuals on behalf of the Convention. I make the assignments, and I stand by my right, as Chairman of the Board, to make those assignments. Further, whether or not I make those assignments, the cost of delegate rooms is wholly unaffected. Again, our programming drives the cost of delegate rooms. The cost of programming is divided across the room block. If our room blocks were larger, the price per room could be reduced. However, increasing the room block opens us to the possibility of attrition (when people do not occupy and pay for the rooms they reserve).

In short, the allegations raised on social media are wholly unfounded: no person has received a personal loan from the GMWA; no salacious allegations have been substantiated; our internal operating procedures ensure that no person is misappropriating funds.

As Chairman, I am committed to pursuing peace with all. Peace is best pursued by open-dialogue. Posting of spurious, slanderous, faked documents (with credit card and personal information) on social media is not a means by which one demonstrates or promotes Grace and Peace.

For Christ, Kingdom & Convention, I am

Bishop Albert L. Jamison, Sr.  
Chairman, Board of Directors - GMWA

P.S. Join me in reading and meditating on the Word of God as found in Psalm 3. May this Word encourage you. See you at the Board Meeting in March. (Details to follow shortly.)