



**WE ARE THE WORLD:
Haiti Disaster Relief Benefit Concert**

**Saturday, March 13th
7-9:15 p.m.
Ogdensburg Free Academy
Ogdensburg, NY**

February 22, 2010

Dear Friends:

We hope you have heard by now about the exciting news of the upcoming Haiti Relief Concert to be held in Ogdensburg on Saturday, March 13th. The proceeds from the concert will be directed to Church World Service for their ongoing work with the people in Haiti!

Folks from several churches and schools in the North Country have gotten together to organize this event. With all the talent in this area we know that an amazing concert can be put together. We are asking the school music teachers and choir and music directors to help us spread the word, as they know the musical talents and abilities of the students and church members better than anyone.

Ms. Bridget Sherman, teacher at Hammond Central School and music director at Hammond Presbyterian Church has agreed to help coordinate the concert and direct the “mass choir” we are hoping to have for the final number, “We Are The World.”

It is important for us to clarify that this is a concert, not a talent show. Hopefully we will have a wide variety of performance styles all focused on the topic of “We Are the World,” addressing global unity, caring for one another, being in community, etc. Additional information about this can be found on the accompanying application. Please feel free to make copies to give to those you would like to invite to participate.

The schedule for the day of the concert is:

2-4 p.m. set up and rehearsal of performances

4-5 p.m. practice of participants for the mass choir finale

If you are interested in participating in the finale please let us know so that we can get a copy of the music to you to practice in advance. I will mail a copy of the music out to you immediately upon request. (NOTE: In the music you will receive, from the chorus on page 2 through the end it should be taken down an octave. Also, if choirs could have the chorus memorized it would be helpful. Individual soloists will be assigned at practice on the 13th. You can view the original performance on this song on youtube...the original one, not the new release of 2010.)

We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening of music while at the same time helping to ease the suffering of our global brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Please call 315-324-5662 with any questions!

Sincerely,

**Rev. Cathy Stevenson
Hammond Presbyterian Church
for the "WE ARE THE WORLD" Committee**