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Jones and Sensmeier named Hymn Society Fellows

GIA congratulates Jacque B. Jones and Randall Sensmeier on being named Fellows of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada!

Jacque B. Jones has been writing in various forms all her life and she took up the challenge of writing hymn texts in 2003. Jacque has been an active member of The Hymn Society in the US and Canada since 2003, having served as its president from 2014 to 2016. She is a member of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, NY, and is actively involved in worship leadership.

GIA publishes her collection of hymn texts: *Songs Unchanged, Yet Ever-Changing*.

Randall Sensmeier is Editor Emeritus at GIA Publications, Inc., where he has worked for thirty years. Recently retired, Randy edited primarily hymnic and liturgical materials, as well as instrumental and keyboard music.

Randy's professional activities have included hymn festival leader, recitalist, clinician, conductor, author, and composer. Among his published compositions are numerous choral octavos, keyboard and instrumental works, and 2 collections of hymn tunes: *Teach Our Hearts to Sing Your Praise* and *Beauty's Blaze*.

In its 98-year history, the Hymn Society has bestowed this highest of honors on just over 80 members. A quarter of these Fellows of the Hymn Society have had their text collections, tune collections and books on hymnology published by GIA. Many others have had their texts and tunes published in GIA's hymnals.

Congratulations, Jacque and Randy. We are proud to be your publisher!

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