**2021 Suggested Report**

**Worship Resources**

After last year’s global shutdown for churches of every size and shape, worship leaders discovered how to practice new methods of technology, bring in new ways congregational participation as well as balance traditional and familiar ways of worship but in a new format! Worship leaders had to be innovative and creative in discovering new ways to lead worship and continue to use technology to reach our congregations. These worship leaders practiced new ways of trying to reach the congregant into slowly coming back to church in person.

Music plays an important role in the local church. It is used as a participatory expression for worship, as a tool for evangelism, and as a teaching aid in discipleship. In both Old Testament and New Testament worship, music was vital for the life of God’s people. Music is an incredible tool for memorization of God’s commands and promises. Singing encourages gives us a new perspective as we soak in His Word.

Our churches should actively involve everyone in using music to encourage believers and strengthen their faith. Every church needs to be identifying and training the worship leaders of tomorrow. There is a chronic shortage of part-time and bi-vocational worship leaders in our churches. The development of worship leaders in the local church can’t be done by just the local church and it can’t be done overnight. Participation in statewide training events such as LIFT! Defining Worship conference which is designed for worship leaders and church staff to experience worship (without having to plan it) and learn technical how-to’s of planning and implementing worship plus relation building strategies for their churches. We also have 3 music camps in one week for school age students (grades 3-5; 6th; and 7-12) mixmusiccamp.org to begin training for future worship leaders. Participants experience the heart of worship designed to inspire and encourage their age group, strive to grow in discipleship, and memorize scripture in song that will impact their lives forever during the week of camp.

A complete listing of statewide training, events, conferences, and honor choir groups for children and youth can be found on the [www.alabamaworship.org](http://www.alabamaworship.org) website. Worship Resources can partner with your church in utilizing technology in your worship. All ministry events are designed to complement the work of the association and the local church through worship and music ministry.

(Number of churches) and (Number of individuals) were involved in our associational music/worship ministry events this past year. Our events this coming year include (name of event(s)).

Respectfully submitted,

(Name of Associational Music Director)