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Phillip Magness
Sacred Music Educator
Serving the Lord in West and Central Africa



Phillip Magness serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in French-speaking countries in West and Central Africa (Togo, Guinea, Congo—Brazzaville, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo—Kinshasa and Burundi). As a sacred music educator, Phillip teaches hymns, psalms and spiritual songs — and develops the musicianship of song leaders so that they are better able to teach, share

and nurture music for worship. In collaboration with mission partners in Lutheran Church—Canada, he recently completed an African edition of *Liturgies et Cantiques Luthériens* — the French equivalent of *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* — called *Édition Africaine*. He is also assisting the Lutheran church in Ghana with their introduction of the *LSB*.

Phillip received a Bachelor of Music degree and a Master of Music degree from the University of North Texas, Denton. He then received his Director of Parish Music colloquy from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill. He serves a dual call as a missionary and as cantor at Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, Mo. He also currently serves as interim music associate at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Before serving in these roles, he was cantor (director of parish music) at LCMS congregations in Oklahoma, Illinois and Texas. In addition, he chaired the *LSB* Introduction Committee, taught workshops on the French edition of *LSB*, served on the LCMS Board for International Mission, and has been a guest lecturer at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane, South Africa. His book on music ministry, *Church Music: For the Care of Souls*, was published by Lexham Press in 2023.

Phillip's wife, Cheryl, is the managing editor of the Synod's official newspaper, *Reporter*, and is also a freelance writer and musician. They have three adult children: Trevor, Caitlin and Evan. Trevor is happily married to Amalia, and they have one son, Edgar.

BIRTHDAYS: Phillip – May 31, Cheryl – July 23,
Trevor – Oct. 3, Caitlin – Oct. 12, Evan – Oct. 29

ANNIVERSARY: March 15

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