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The St. David's Welsh Society of Greater Kansas City
The Heart of America Welsh Societies Association, Inc.
invite you to attend
THE 61st WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU
September 3-6, 1992

Dear Music Director:

Kansas City will enjoy a unique music festival during the 1992 Labor Day Weekend. We thought it would be of interest to music directors at our local Presbyterian Churches.

The 61st Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu (Music Festival) will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City during September 3-6, 1992. Over 1,500 Americans and Canadians of Welsh ancestry, many of them Presbyterians, are expected to participate.

We cordially invite you, your choral groups and your congregation to participate in any of the events listed in the enclosed brochure.

Perhaps the key event for those interested in four-part singing will take place on Sunday (Sept 6) in the Hyatt Ballroom. A traditional Welsh cymanfa ganu (service of praise) -- a hymn singing session in which four-part singing is emphasized -- will be held at 2:00 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Hywel Thomas, a native of Wales and a church music director in Fort Worth, will serve as director. John Schaefer, music director at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, will be the organist for both sessions. Both sessions are free and open to the public.

Other music events include:

-- A Welsh choir, The Ardwyn Singers, an award-winning mixed voice choir group from Cardiff, South Wales, will present a concert on Saturday evening (Sept 5) at the Hyatt. The Ardwyn Singers have achieved wide acclaim throughout the United Kingdom and Europe. Individual tickets are \$15, but we have established a group rate of \$12 per person for members of church music groups.



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-- Hin Deg, a folk music group from South Wales, will perform on Friday evening (Sept 4) at the Hyatt. They will play a wide array of Celtic folk songs, lead group singing and play for those who care to participate in a little folk dancing. The Missouri Valley Folklike Society is co-sponsoring this concert. Individual tickets are \$6.

A bi-lingual (Welsh and English) Welsh Chapel Service will be held on Sunday (Sept 6) at 9:45 a.m. Retired Presbyterian minister Dr. William T. Jones, a native of Wales, will preach the sermon. The handbell choir from Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church in Raytown will play at the service.

The American branch of the Presbyterian Church in Wales was originally known as the Calvinistic Methodist Church. It merged with the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Union of 1920. This resulted in the incorporation of numerous traditional Welsh hymn tunes into the Presbyterian hymnals used in the USA since 1920. Cwm Rhondda, Aberystwyth, and others are an integral part of our new hymnal.

The weekend includes many other events related to Welsh heritage. There will be seminars, workshops, folk dancing lessons and tours. All events are open to the public.

Several Kansas City area Presbyterians are active in planning for the music festival. We hope that you will join us for part or all of the weekend at the Hyatt. Please write or call us if we can answer any questions or respond to ticket requests.



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