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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Shelby, N. C.

GENE L. WATTERSON

Senior Minister

My faith looks up to Thee, Saviour divine; As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee, pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire! —Palmer

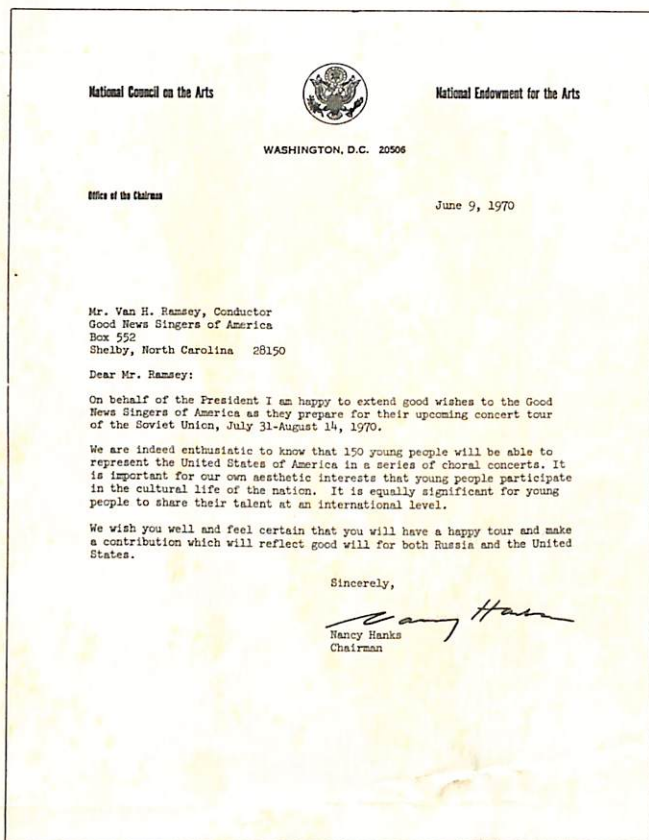
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THE GOOD NEWS SINGERS OF AMERICA



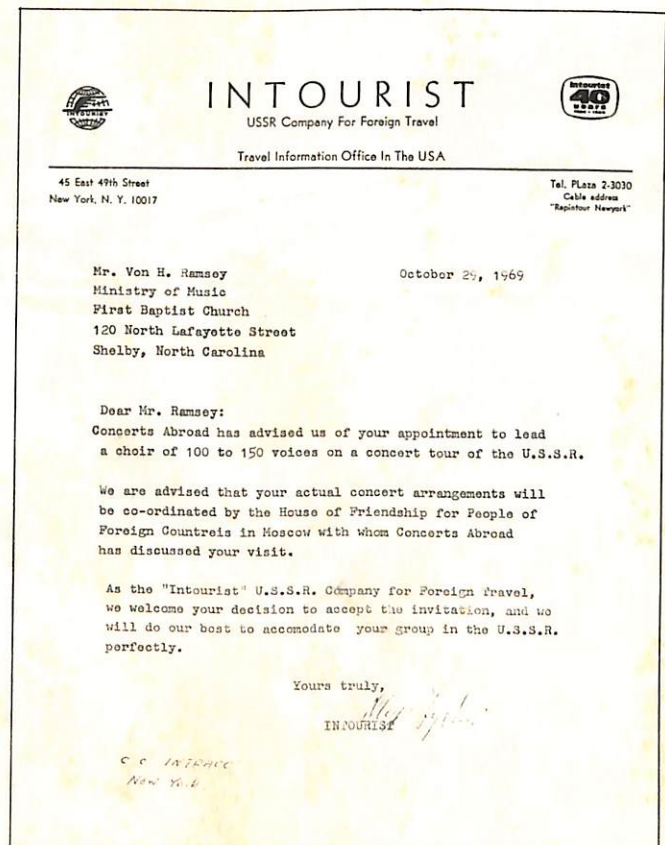
National Council on the Arts

Included here are letters of endorsement which have come in concerning our concert tour. The forty-one (41) from our church represent almost one third of the choirs enrollment. Those from our church are, Tommy Aiken, Debbie Allen, Donald Allen, Libby Allen, Renee Bell, Gwen Bisette, Amelia Bridges, Phyllis Butler, Bob Causby, Pat Chamberlain, Patty Davis, Anne Eskridge, Linda Hamrick, Chris Hudson, Steve Jolly, Linda Jones, Johnson Kelly, Linda Kelly, Mary Leinweber, Patty McBrayer, Susan McMurry, Becky Macomson, Pam Maloney, Nancy Miller, Peggy Mull, Van Pernell, Mary Ann Phillips, Paula Pope, Debbie Rogers, Lou Anne Scism, Neal Scism, Suzanne Sherrill, Anita Sisk, Carol Smith, Nancy Spangler, Eddie Sparks, Susan Swift, Pam Watterson, Al Whatley, Jo Anne Yates, Harriett

Young.

In the absence of my wife who initially accompanied the choir at the piano, Miss Patty McBrayer is serving as accompanist. Auditions for various soloists were held and those from our church who were chosen are Gwen Bisette, Jo Anne Yates and Chris Hudson.

The Good News Singers of America, will sing in the worship service here, Sunday July 26. Our Shelby concert will be July 28 in the Junior High School. Our goal of \$25,000 has been reached. Every need was satisfied. We are grateful for every dollar contributed and will be very conscious all along the way that the people of First Baptist Church and Shelby made this tour possible.



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Mr. Van H. Ramsey
Music Director
First Baptist Church
Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

Due to the outstanding qualities that you have exhibited as a choral director, we are proud to extend an invitation to you from Concerts Abroad and the people of the Soviet Union to visit and perform in their country.

Extensive arrangements are being made by the Russian Government for all concert arrangements for your outstanding group.

We are happy that you accepted this challenge and know that this concert tour will truly provide an opportunity of a lifetime for the young people of your State.

Very truly yours,


H. Jon de Revère

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SAM J. ERVIN, JR.
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 12, 1970

Mr. Van H. Ramsey, Conductor
Good News Singers of America
Box 552
Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

It is a privilege for me to have an opportunity to endorse the concert tour of the Soviet Union that the Good News Singers of America will sponsor this summer.

It is difficult to evaluate correctly the goodwill that it is possible for the United States to accrue through programs of this nature. You and the other North Carolinians participating in this program are to be commended for your personal contribution to the betterment of our international relations through music and personal contact.

With kindest wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

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Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

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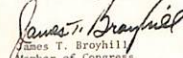
Dear Mr. Ramsey:

It was good to hear from you recently about the Good News Singers of America and their concert tour of the Soviet Union this summer.

Certainly, I want to extend to you and the young people of the group my best wishes for a successful tour. A trip like this one offers not only the opportunity for a rewarding summer but it also gives our young people a chance to make a meaningful, worthwhile contribution to international understanding.

Again, my best to you and the Good News Singers of America as you embark on this memorable and enriching tour.

With best regards,


James T. Broyhill
Member of Congress

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Congressman James T. Broyhill

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 15, 1970

Mr. Van H. Ramsey, Conductor
Good News Singers of America
Post Office Box 552
Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

I appreciate your letting me know about the Soviet Union concert tour scheduled by the Good News Singers of America this summer under your direction.

It seems to me that a project of this type can contribute in a significant way to international understanding at the grass-roots level because music is an international language understood and appreciated by people of all nations.

It also can provide the means of clearing up misconceptions which the average Russian may have about Americans and their culture and customs while at the same time giving the visiting choir members a clearer insight into Soviet life.

I hope the tour will be a success and an enriching experience both for those for whom you will be performing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,


B. Everett Jordan, USS

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Senator B. Everett Jordan