



CHAPTERS

Vision Statement

NPM is a national network of local chapters; pastoral musicians participate in the work of NPM through chapter meetings and events, networking with peers in neighboring parishes, animating music ministry in their local dioceses, supporting colleagues in their area, as well as through national gatherings and by reading national publications. Chapters also collaborate within their region and embody NPM in the larger geographical area. Because chapters are the heart of NPM, chapter directors share directly in the governance of the national organization through representation on the NPM Council. Being a member locally and being a member nationally are inseparable.

Specific Proposals

1. Each NPM member is a member both nationally and as part of a local chapter. If no active chapter exists in the member's diocese, the member will be an interim member of an adjacent chapter until a chapter in his/her diocese can be formed.
2. The chapter directors in each USCCB episcopal region will elect a representative to serve on the NPM Council; national leadership will specify how this election takes place.
3. A portion of dues paid by each member will return to the local chapter. Local chapters do not levy their own dues but may charge for events at their discretion.
4. National leadership will establish the governance of chapters (including leadership succession, financial record-keeping, connection to national leadership, number of gatherings per year, size of chapter board, etc.)
5. Non-NPM members can participate in chapter and national events but will not have voting privileges or member discounts at the national or local level.