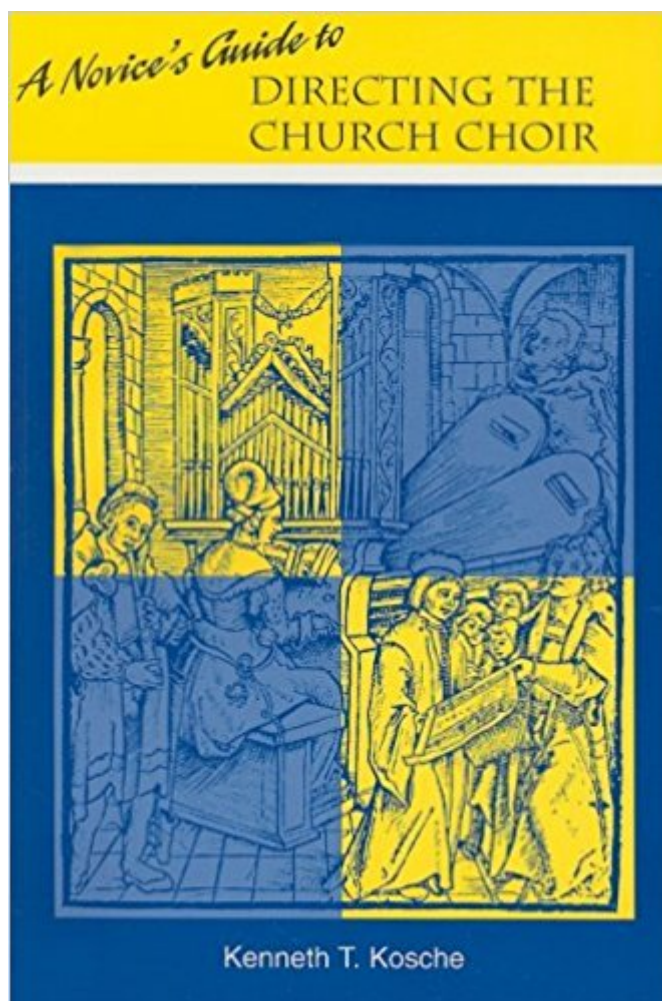


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# A Novice's Guide To Directing A Church Choir



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A resource that covers the wide spectrum of issues facing a novice church choir director.

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Let's face it--Not all churches are filled with professional musicians or experienced musical directors. Small churches can have real struggles filling musical slots, but still want special music in the services. But what if the person "recruited" to lead a church choir has real doubts about how to go about it? Maybe they just want or need to talk with someone who has "been there, done that". This book is the next best thing to an actual conversation. Two premises underlie the book: (1) Choir direction is as much people handling as music handling, and (2) No basic part of choir direction is too small to at least get a mention in the book, from picking music to scheduling to recruiting new members. Even experienced directors MAY get some advice they didn't think about before, but at least now that director can have a standard reference to show the NEXT generation of potential directors. The advice given is practical, but not too technical for someone who has had high school music classes. And even that advice is kept to a minimum. This is fundamental advice that MAY run close to a "duh" for some people, but even the blatantly obvious things in life may be overlooked by the person in a "what do I do now" panic. Practical, basic, and relatively short, this book provides a "baseline" of information for every person charged with directing a choir, even on a volunteer basis. I highly recommend reading this if you are new to the choir directing task.

If you are looking for a book just on conducting, this is not the book for you. If, however, you have just started conducting or just taken over a church choir, there is much in the book worth reading in its 106 pages. Chapters cover: Understanding singers as people; Understanding people as singers; Getting a good sound; Rehearsal is the key; Conducting basics; A matter of Accompaniment; A matter of organization; Musical growth. As many musical directors have to do much more than conduct, this book is very useful.

This was very helpful. in instruction of beginning choir directing.

This ebook has great information for the beginning Director of Music.

Very informative and understandable. Very practical information to use with my adult choir. Will look for other books by this author.

Comprehensive introduction with helpful hints to tune the choir, blend the voices and prepare whatever mix you have for quality singing.

This was a great book to remind me and give extra thought. I would definitely recommend this book for new choral directors.

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