

REPORT FOR NPMC SOUTHEASTERN REGION

NPMC's Southeastern Region will meet July 10-11, 2026, for its annual Federation Weekend at the newly organized Eastern Festival of Music in Greensboro, North Carolina. Virginia FMC will be the host state and Lucinda Lear of Iowa will be the National Guest. To the best of my research, this will be the 77th anniversary of the Southeastern Region summer meeting. The first meeting was organized by Hinda Honigman (21st National President, 1967 – 1971) in 1948 and there were no meetings in the summer of 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid virus. Only three times has the organization met outside Brevard; in 2018 and 2025 the meetings were held in Sewanee on the beautiful campus of The University of the South in TN. In 2022 the group met at Eastern Music Festival (EMF) on the historic campus of Guilford College, the only Quaker institution of higher learning in the Southeastern United States.

Officers for the Southeastern Region are as follows: Joel Adams, Vice President; Debra Hughes, Secretary; and Kim Harvey, Treasurer.

The Southeastern Region has an established endowment of more than \$60,000 for the \$2500 Beth McAuley Award at Brevard, and it is our goal to establish the same at EFM and Sewanee. Several methods of fundraising have been discussed and implemented. Barbara Hildebrand suggested that all members of Senior Clubs in the SE states voluntarily make a pledge of \$25 over a 5-year period, \$5 each year. That idea has been only marginally successful with NCFMC setting the standard with almost \$3000 donated in the first 2 years. At Ruth Morrow's suggestion a medallion, (like the Rose Fay Thomas Fellows), was created that would be the highest award or honor a member could receive in the SER. The cost for that is \$500 and the net proceeds go to the endowment fund. The SER Fellows initiative has earned \$15,000 for the fund with 30 members. When a level of \$50,000 has been secured, a scholarship for \$1000 will be established at both Sewanee and EFM from the Southeastern Region. The NPMC SER will meet in Kentucky at the Stephen Foster Camp in 2027 for the first time ever. The Kentucky FMC will host in Richmond, KY.

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