

COMPETITION RULES

This event is a fundraiser.

Event Date: Friday, June 19, 2026
Event Time: 7:00 – 9:30 pm
Event Location: Glenwood Methodist Church
2931 Myrtle St, Erie, PA
This location is handicap accessible.

To Enter:

1. **Select your group members. All participants must be 18 years of age or older.**
2. **Ask your pastor to recommend your group.** This is the church name you should list on the registration form.
3. **Select 2 songs to perform.** Each song should not exceed 3 minutes in length.
4. **Download, complete and submit the REGISTRATION form. Include \$5 entry fee per participant per group, no later than June 8, 2026.**
5. **Download, complete and submit the PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE forms.** All participants must sign and submit this form before participating.
6. **Groups (not individuals) are expected to seek financial sponsors** (as you would for a race to support research or hospitals). All proceeds will go to our *Ramps of Hope* program to provide (at no cost) access ramps for people with disabilities in Erie and Crawford Counties in PA.

Any group that raises over \$500 through sponsors by the June 15, 2026 deadline will receive 10% of the total that group raised AND the \$5 entry fee for each of the group participants. To be eligible to receive this award, all sponsorship donations must be **received** either online, through USPS, or other mail carriers no later than June 15, 2026 at the AGCM office.

Entry Details:

- **Minimum group size is 5 singing participants** (not counting a non-singing director and/or accompanist).
- **Maximum group size is 10 singing participants** (not counting a non-singing director and/or accompanist).
- **If the director and/or accompanist also sings** with the group, they should be counted as part of the maximum number of 10 singing participants.
- **All participants, including the director and/or accompanist, must submit a \$5 entry fee.**
- **Only one group may represent a church.**
- **Participants may only compete in one group.**
- **All participants must be residents of Erie or Crawford Counties, PA.**

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- **Maximum of 20 groups can participate.**
- **Participating groups must be recommended by their church's pastor.**
- **Song choice must be suitable for the setting – a Christian sanctuary.** Each song will be reviewed before the registration is confirmed. Any song choice deemed inappropriate for the setting will not be permitted. The group will be notified of the decision, and the final round song choice will be moved to the first-round song choice. The group will have the option to select a replacement final round song choice, or they may sing the first-round song choice for the final round if they are the category winner. If both song choices are deemed inappropriate for the setting, the group will be eliminated from the competition.
- **Groups must provide their own pianist OR acoustic guitarist to accompany the group.** Pianists will use the grand piano in the sanctuary. Guitars are not provided for this competition. Guitars must be tuned prior to the group's performance(s). No electric keyboards. No electrical connections will be available. No other instruments are permitted.
- **A Capella singing is permitted.**
- **Your completed registration form and all entry fees must be received at the AGCM office no later than June 8, 2026.** Mail your completed and signed forms to All God's Children Ministries, PO Box 65, West Springfield, PA, 16443.
- **To be eligible to receive your entry fee and 10% of the funds you raise through sponsors,** the total amount your group raises must exceed \$500. The SPONSORS form and funds must be received at the AGCM office no **later than June 15, 2026.** Groups are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$500 for the Ramps of Hope program which provides free access ramps to people with disabilities in Erie and Crawford Counties, PA.

Judging Categories

- Congregations with an average worshipping attendance of less than 76 people.
- Congregations with an average worshipping attendance between 76 and 150 people.
- Congregations with an average worshipping attendance of more than 150 people.

Judging:

- Judging will be based on song choice, harmony, pitch, overall quality, and audience appeal. A score deduction of 3 points will be applied if songs exceed the 3 minute limit.
- Each category listed above will be judged separately in the first round.
- One winner will be selected from each category.
- Only the three category winners will compete a second time for the grand prize, singing their Final Round Song Choice.
- The Grand Prize winner will be selected from these three finalists and will be named the *2026 Harmonies of Heaven Champion*.

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- The decisions of the judges are final.

Prizes:

- The winning group from each category will receive \$50.
- The group winning the Grand Prize will receive \$100.
- **Any group that raises more than \$500 through sponsors by the June 15, 2026** deadline will receive the equivalent of 10% of the total that group raised AND the \$5 entry fee for each of the group participants. All sponsorship funds that will be counted toward the sponsorship prizes must be **received** either online or through USPS or other mail carriers no later than June 15, 2026.
- All prizes will be awarded at the event.

Other Considerations:

- All registered group names and their churches will be listed on the AGCM website, on the screen during the performance, and in the program.
- We encourage you to visit our website (allgodschildrenministries.org) to learn more about our service to people with disabilities in Erie and Crawford Counties in Pennsylvania.
- Although we have done our best to anticipate all situations related to this event, some circumstances may require adjustments and/or changes.
- If you have any questions, please contact All God's Children Ministries at (814) 774-4444. Please leave a message and mention *Harmonies of Heaven*. Include your name and phone number and we will return your call.

On behalf of the hundreds of families we have served since 2010
and those yet to be in need, thank you.

Ruth Donahue,
Executive Director
All God's Children Ministries