

Dear brothers and sisters of ACF,

This is Isaac here! It is such an honour to be writing this vision statement for the position of VP Worship heading into the 2023-2024 school year! Over the last school year, I've been so encouraged by all the people I've had a chance to serve with on a worship team, especially those that have stepped out of their comfort zone to try something new and present their talents as offerings to the Lord. As such, I've decided to take the extra step and potentially serve in a bigger role within the worship ministry in the fellowship.

To begin, my vision for the worship ministry encompasses two areas that I feel equipped with the skills to improve: logistical organization and refocusing the idea of worship. Although it may seem as if these two areas are unrelated at first glance, they are more intertwined than you may think. Allow me to explain!

With respect to the overall logistics of the worship ministry, improving its organization would entail establishing standards to the structure and scheduling of practices. Under my leadership, bands will be on a weekly rotation throughout the entirety of the school year. The expectation of the band leader would be to adhere to this structure and disseminate this standard to their respective band members. As the VP, I will also establish a uniform structure that I hope most practices will be run according to. Specifically speaking, worship songs and the date of practice should be chosen and notified to the members at the very latest the Sunday before a band is scheduled to serve. There should be added transparency between members and their band leaders ahead of time as to when practice will be held and the structure of the set list should be established so that the overall efficiency and quality of music will increase.

The second area of focus I will be contributing to as the VP of worship is re-establishing what worship means within our fellowship. Whether it is within the context of church or fellowship, I have often come to notice the tendency for worship to be viewed as an accessory to the main program by the community, the "cherry on top", if you will. Too often do we see or are guilty of simply liking songs because they sound nice. As the VP of worship, my aim is to refocus the attention on the importance of worship; WHO we are worshiping and WHY we worship Him. Tangibly speaking, I hope to gather a team of band leaders and instill this shared vision that worship is more than just singing songs; it's about coming to God humbly and praising Him with all our heart because He is worthy of all our praise. With this in mind, the expectation when it comes to song selection, is that each song is to be chosen with purpose and intention so that we as worship leaders may lead the fellowship in worship with this same level of intentionality. Worship to the Lord should never be "wishy-washy"; there is a reason we worship our Lord and the songs we sing to Him cannot be taken lightly.

In conclusion I hope this mentality shift in how we see worship will act as the catalyst to motivate worship leaders to share in the goal of improving the logistical organization of the worship ministry as well. Because if there's one way we can show that we love and care about worship, it is through attention to detail, the most granular ones at that.

Thank you for taking your time to read my vision for the worship ministry. At this time I'd like to ask for your prayers as I continue in this journey in running for VP. As a fellow brother in Christ, I pray that I am able to serve this fellowship with all my heart and with the correct intentions of glorifying our God.

With love,
Isaac