



Unite is a special time of community and worship for our students, and because of its unique position and value concerning spiritual life we are asking you, as a Unite worship leader, to know that the standards are high because the cost is high.

Please understand now that there will be accountability concerning these expectations.

This is not about rules and rule breaking, this is about creating a culture that looks different than anything this world has to offer. And we know that culture change begins with a culture's leaders.

The following are expectations for all Unite worship leaders:

INTEGRITY & CHARACTER

We read in the Word that those who are leaders in the Church are to be people "above reproach" (1 Tim. 3:2). It's simple – live in a way that will inspire people to follow after Christ, and don't do anything that would cause people to stumble. Live in such a way that people who know you or know about you know about Jesus and your commitment to Him and His cause.

HUMILITY

But, 'Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.' For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends. (2 Corinthians 10:17-18)

To put it plainly, it's not about us. This is about God and what He wants to do, not any individual or any individual preferences, which also means *flexibility*. Keep an open heart and an open mind to what God is speaking to you, remember He wants to change us (as the leaders) too.

AUTHENTICITY

Our lives in this world, and especially our relations with you, have been ruled by God-given frankness and sincerity. (2 Corinthians 1:12)

Each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. (Ephesians 4:25)

We believe that keeping it real is what keeps us together and honors God most.

EXCELLENCE/MUSICIANSHIP

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. (Colossians 3:23-24)

We believe that excellence honors God and inspires people. It's not about perfection, it's about giving God our absolute best.

Logistics

- Songs will be sent to you no later than Wednesday on the week that you are scheduled to play.

 - Make sure you have practiced and prepared for your rehearsal ahead of time. If you are constantly coming to practice without having ever listened to the songs, you are being unfair the worship leader, the other members on the team who are prepared, and the students who will be worshipping with us that morning. Also, you are not giving your best to God. If this is a reoccurring problem, you will be asked to step down from the worship team for some time.

 - Make sure you are completely prepared as if the Sunday morning rehearsal was the actual service.

 - Be in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 am for prayer and rehearsal. Be sure you are not late because we only have until 8:30 to finish up everything we need to accomplish. Constant tardiness on Sunday mornings will be grounds to for us asking you to step down from worship team for some time.

 - There is a schedule made that shows when every person is scheduled to play. It is the same every month. Therefore, you know way in advance when you are scheduled. If you cannot make it, you need to let us know immediately and try to find your own substitute.

 - I understand that things come up but if you are committing to be a part of the worship team then I expect you to be committed. I will not tolerate texts, phone calls, or Facebook messages the night before or the day of a service saying you can no longer come and you need me to find a substitute for you. If it happens once I will let it slide but if it happens multiple times, you will be asked to step down from worship team for some time.

 - Starting today, everything will be done through Planning Center
 - You should all have received an invitation for Planning Center if you do not already have a profile. You need to go in and set up a password. When you are scheduled to play, an email will be sent to you. Simply open the email, click the link, and select if you are able to play that week or not. All of the songs will be posted on Planning with linked mp3s. Therefore there is no reason for you to come on Sunday without having listened to the songs. You must check your email to respond to planning center otherwise I will assume you are not playing and schedule a sub. (Remember: if I am scheduling subs for you constantly, you will be asked to step down).

 - This is not required, but really encouraged. Find time to sit down and pray for our service, get yourselves ready spiritually. Be praying over our songs, and over your own heart.
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