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invites you to attend the 51st Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu on September 3, 4 and 5, 1982

November 25, 1981

To The Board of Trustees

Dear Member:

You will be happy to know that preparations for the great event in Toronto next year are in full swing. I have attended most of the Planning Committee's meetings on your behalf and find that there is enthusiasm and ample talent to stage a Gymanfa equal to any in the past.

The Committee has, however, run into some difficulties which had not been anticipated. This has necessitated switching from the Westin Hotel to the Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel. The change was brought about by various factors, mainly dissatisfaction with facilities offered us and charges levied for use of function rooms. The World Bank people are now meeting in Toronto at the same time and we felt that we were being pushed around.

The Harbour Castle is a beautiful hotel, situated right on the lakefront, and offers facilities second to none. It has an adjoining Convention Centre and also provides a free bus service to the downtown shopping core.

The Committee, however, has decided that the heart of any Gymanfa is in the two singing sessions; hence the "Big Sing" will take place at Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto. We believe that no hotel ballroom has the acoustics or the atmosphere to bring out the best in our songs of praise. Convocation Hall is ideal in every respect and has the added advantage of having a lovely organ. A shuttle service of buses will carry us from the hotel to the Gymanfa sessions. For those who do not wish to return to the hotel for supper, between sessions, a light evening meal at very reasonable cost is planned at two student restaurants on the spot.

Toronto, as you may know, is one of the great cities of our continent, with much to offer the tourist; unfortunately, this is reflected in the high cost of accommodation and meals. Those of you from south of the border will, of course, benefit from a favourable dollar exchange. I can assure you that the Committee has bargained hard to make it as painless as possible.

May I count on you to use your influence in your own area to direct the traffic of the songsters this way. With very warm wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas season,

Yours sincerely,

J. Humphreys Jones
President.