

TO: Bill Greenway, Chairman, 1975 New York NGGA

November 9, 1974

At a meeting in the Rev. Kenneth Jones' office, at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church on October 24, 1974, attended by Rev. Kenneth Jones, Dr. Terry James and William G. Griffiths the following hymn selections were made for the 1975 National Gymanfa Ganu:

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As the 32nd selection Terry James is suggesting "Bryn Myrddin", I have a copy of this in the Haverfordwest hymnal, Page 11, and Terry is to investigate copyright status for me.

At this meeting it was suggested that we might consider having the Morriston Orpheus Choir sing in the Gymanfa Ganu sessions in place of soloists. It was further suggested that they sing some of the hymn arrangements, such as, Llef, Deus Salutes- Mansel Thomas, Tydi a Roddiast - Arwel Hughes, Laudamas - Protheroe.

We also went to The New York Hilton to inspect the Organ, it turned out to be a great disappointment. It looks as though we we will have to rent one.

Both Ken and I believe we were most fortunate in having Terry James spend the time with us for this important task, and we are most grateful to him. Another good suggestion of his was that we try to arrange for a rehearsal after either the Friday or Saturday night sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Griffiths.

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To The Executive Committee &
Chairmen Of The Music Committee.

I agree with the selection of the hymns to be sung in New York,
but cannot quite agree with the changing of the words, #35 "Trewen"
and #44 "Groeswen".

Again I cannot agree with the introduction of a new hymn "Bryn Myrddin"
at a National, since many attending will not have heard it before, it
should be introduced at the local level first.

The printing of the words would not be any problem as I have the words
of all three mentioned but the music is in Tonic Sol Fa.

That is my opinion what is yours? Please put it in writing and return
to the secretary as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Jack Meadows, secretary.
W.N.G.G.A.

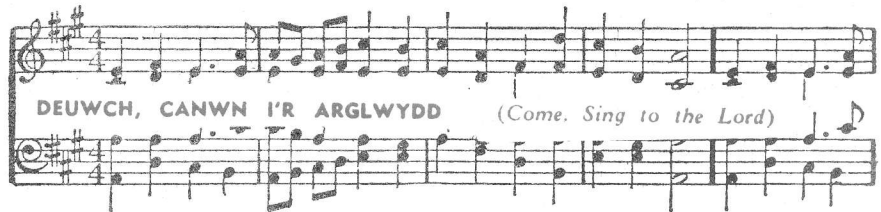
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Dear Mr. Meadows:

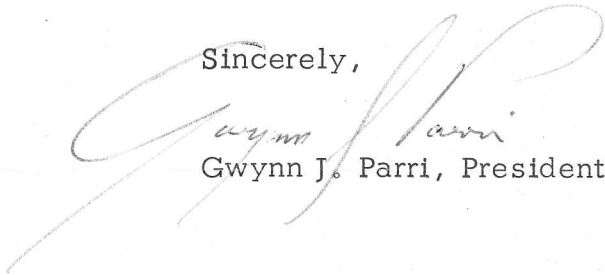
Re: Hymns, Program, New York

Since the action requested is not administrative, it is not under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee.

We have a very capable Music Committee appointed for just such purposes. In the past the Board of Trustees has shown full confidence in Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas in this capacity and she was therefore appointed by this administration.

I am confident that Mrs. Thomas and her committee will be able to make a harmonious arrangement with her counterparts in New York and I instruct you as Secretary to turn the matter over to her expeditiously as a proper procedure.

Sincerely,


Gwynn J. Parri, President

Copy to Eluned Thomas

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Mr. Wilfred Greenway
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December 16, 1974

Dear Bill:

Re: Communication (a)
W. G. Griffiths to Bill Greenway
Report on Hymn Program

I feel that Mr. Meadows has exceeded his authority in making comment and consulting the Executive Committee of WNGGA with reference to the above.

We have a Music Committee appointed specifically for such purposes. It just so happens that I disagree with our Secretary and therefore wish to offer my view.

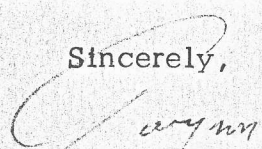
It would seem that your committee has given much serious thought to planning your program and I would respect their effort. My feeling is additionally supported in the knowledge that you have as a member the Rev. Ken Jones who himself is a conductor of note and perhaps even more important, a trustee of the WNGGA.

Your committee also had the valuable support of Mr. Terry James whose knowledge would not be contestable.

I am instructing the Secretary to turn the matter over to Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas, Chairman of the Music Committee of the WNGGA who I am quite sure will be most cooperative. While she may not necessarily agree with my view her decision will stand as far as the WNGGA is concerned.

I shall answer your previous communication, Bill, in a day or so after I get out from under some of the load that I have in the office at this time.

Sincerely,


Gwynn J. Parri, President

Enclosure

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Thursday Jan 2nd 1975

Mr Wilfred Greenway
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Dear Bill.

Referring you to your letter of Nov 9th 1974, regarding the selections of hymns.

After contacting the executive committee also the chairmen of the music committee Mrs Ann Davies Thomas, it is the concensus of opinion the hymns selected are well taken, with exceptions; that the words and tunes that are in the National Hymnal be used, also that "Bryn Myrddin" not be used at this time. Mrs Thomas informed me that she would contact Mr Terry James and explain.

I think your suggestion of the choir being used in place of soloists is a fine one there by cutting costs, also having a rehearsal is well taken with Friday being a good night that is if you can get the group together, that was done in San Francisco in 1960.

Bill no doubt you will have recieved your envelopes by now as they were shipped last Saturday via Continental-Traillways, as to the rest of your printing I knew the printer would appreciate it if you could get it to him as soon as possible due to the political printing work that will start coming in February and would continue for a few months, no doubt you would want your second mailing to go out some time in May or June then the mailing from the National organization would follow shortly after, thanking you for your fine cooperation.

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Mrs A.D.Thomas.
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Sincerely

Jack Meadows, secretary
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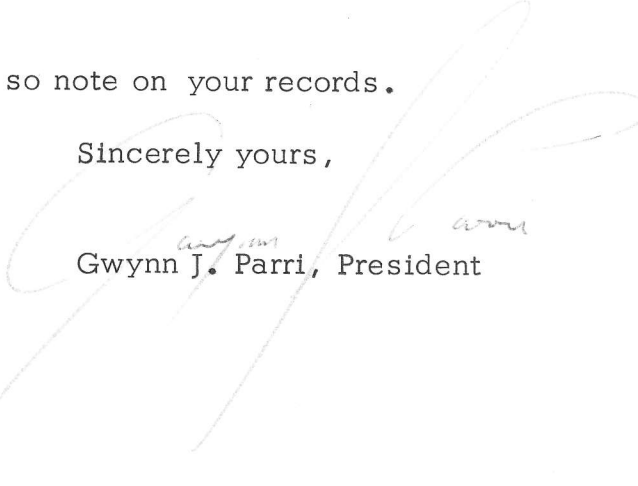
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Dear Mr. Meadows:

At the request of Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas, our music chairman, I have, effective as of January 1 appointed Mrs. Frances Williams of New York and Mrs. Olwen Welk of Ripon, Wisconsin as associate consultants for the music committee.

It would be appreciated if you will so note on your records.

Sincerely yours,


Gwynn J. Parri, President

Copy to Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas
Copy to Miss Eluned Thomas

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Jan. 22, 1975

Mr. Gwynn Parri
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Dear Gwynn:

Re: (a) G. Parri letter
dated Dec. 16, 1974

(b) J. Meadows letter
dated Jan. 2, 1975

(c) W. G. Griffiths to
Bill Greenway
Report on Hymn Program
dated Nov. 9, 1974

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the above referenced letters (a), (b) and regarding (c):

Under the existing rules and regulations to sponsoring organizations of the Annual National and/or Regional Gymanfa Ganu, as set forth by the NNGA Board of Trustees, dated June 1972, we reluctantly must abide by the consensus of opinion of the Executive Committee and Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas, Chairman of the Music Committee. We will be substituting "Bryn Myrddin" with Caersalem and make no changes in the words for Trewen and Groeswen.

Our Committee has met on this matter and unanimously directed me to state that as leaders of the Welsh Community in the East, we are amazed that such small changes that were recommended met with such violent opposition. One of the main controversial subjects at recent National Gymanfa Ganu sessions has been for inclusion of some new material in the NNGA sessions.

Our Music Committee, with the able assistance of Dr. Terry James, discussed the proposed selections for the program at great length and with great deliberation. We wish to be informed what and how the consensus of opinion was reached and will greatly appreciate knowing Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas' thinking in the matter.

While we recognize the NGGA has the right to final approval of the hymns selected, it is also true that the local sponsoring committee has the privilege of choosing the Director. We believe, in this case, that the freedom and creativity of a fine Director is restrained.

Our Committee believes that the action taken by the Executive Committee in this instance is not conducive to establishing the harmonious relationship that should exist between sponsoring organizations and the NGGA.

W. Greenway

~~W. Greenway~~
1975 New York Gymanfa
Committee Chairman

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cc: Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas
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Dear Mr. Meadows:

I am instructing Mr. Greenway, Chairman of the 1975 New York Gymanfa committee to proceed with the original plans on the harrn singing program.

This situation is to say the least ridiculous because of your interference and I intend to call a special meeting in New York in order that it may be presented to the board of trustees along with other gross violations.

You will be notified of the day and time for the special meeting at a later date.

Sincerely,


Gwynn J. Parri, President

Copy to Eluned Thomas, Vice President

2/18/75

Mrs Ann D. Thomas
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Dear Ann.

Since you are the chairman of the music committee I thought you would be interested in the enclosed letter.

Evidently he is ignoring the wishes of you and the executive committee, this is only one of many letters I have recieved of similar nature, it was my understanding that you were to get in touch with Mr Greenway and Mr Terry James concerning the changes that they had suggested.

I dont know why he accuses me of interfering I only report the results of any polls that are taken.

Sincerely

Jack Meadows
Jack Meadows secretary
W.N.G.G.A.

February 19, 1975

Mr. Bill Greenway,
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Rayside, New York, N. Y. 11361

Dear Mr. Greenway:

I tried to contact you by phone a few days ago, but no answer, so I called Rev. Kenneth Jones. I asked him to pass on the message ~~me~~ to you and Mr. William Griffiths the Music Chairman. I wanted you to know how sorry I am that you are upset over the re-action to your letter. I have not written to no one about the matter, therefore, you have not received any opinion from me as yet. However, I was rather disturbed if you were planning to use the Hymnal plates for your program. It would have to be brand new plates, as I am sure you know. True, I talked to Pres. Parri and Sect'y Meadows about it, and I guess I was either mis-understood or we all were wondering how this would come out. I know that the welsh words-"Mi Wn Fod Fy Mhrynw'r Yn Fyw" are the popular words to the tune TREWEN. I gather you will off set the hymn tunes and this will eliminate any confusion. Regarding the new hymn-"Bryn Myrddyn" I remember directing it at Kings Cross Church London at a Gymanfa Ganu. That year was the first time I met Terry James. It is a powerful hymn and would be a nice addition to our new hymnal. If arrangements for a rehearsal with Terry in late afternoon, there is no reason that it cannot be used. It is in all the Cymanfaedd canu programs in Wales, and in the Church Hymnals. I have it right here. We had a fine rehearsal with Terry in Los Angeles, and three new hymns were used. We had a Thursday Night "Sing" in San Francisco, and "Te Bach" afterwards. I think Jack mentioned this in his letter.

As far as I am concerned, you need not change any of your program as far as I ~~am~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ can see, and I do hope that you will not think of me as a dictator. Music is my life, and I respect all people who are trying to do something worth while to build good, honorable music for all peoples. I mentioned to Rev. Jones, however, that two hymns were used in Cleveland, that were recommended by the Music Committee, and if it is at all possible we sure would like to have them included in the program. If Bryn Myrddin goes well, I am sure the Committee will vote to print it in the new hymnal.

I mailed the 1966 Los Angeles Gymanfa Ganu record to you this a.m. I do hope it will come intact. Terry directed it, and I felt it an honor to be his organist. We have sold hundreds of these records, and they are still in demand. He did a fine job. We hope you will enjoy two hours of real singing. Both of the Soloists were members of my third choir I took to Wales, and they both are International and National winners. I was so proud of them. By the way, this brings me to the matter of suggesting the name of Estell Roberts Schubert for your Official Accompanist. She was my accompanist on one of the tours, and did a splendid job. I recommend her highly. When I direct, I always feel so secure when she is at the piano or organ. A huge contingent of people would come from Chicago if she were participating in New York.

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I shall be sending in our reservations shortly, as I have several friends coming from Wales, and I am waiting to see what they want me to plan for them. I hope to get there on Tuesday or Wednesday if all will be well at the time. If I can be of any help, please call on me, and I will be very very happy to give help- free of charge. I am happy in the work of the Lord, and he blesses me bountifully.

We are getting ready for our St. David's celebration here. I just finished the program and it is ready to go to print. If you have some small brochures about the New York Gymanfa and Festivities, we would be happy to pass them to the people attending the Banquet and program. There is going to be an announcement in the program anyhow, and we will stress it as much as possible. If there is any cost, please let us know, and we will mail you a check.

We know you will have a fine Gymanfa with such a fine Committee at the helm, and please do not fret over whatever happened recently having received your letter worried and what have you. Please, know that I am 100 percent for your program and will do all I can from here to promote it. Del and I know of the difficulties, but we overcame them, and all worked well. Those who will attend will be happy and think of the New York Gymanfa as a highlight in their life.

Our best to you and Mrs. Greenway. I was so pleased to have a few chats with you in Cleveland. I am sorry that you had to leave before the real Gymanfa. It was quite good. Warmest regards and best wishes to all of you. I am pleased that Mr. William Griffiths will be recognised in New York.

Sincerely Yours,

Ann Davies Thomas,
W. N. G. G. A. Music Committee Chairman for the
New Hymnal.

cc copies: President Parri
Sect'y Meadows
Rev. Kenneth Jones
Mr. William Griffiths

1975 GYMNAFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ACTION MINUTE - MARCH 18 MEETING
REV. KENNETH C. JONES' OFFICE
7 W 55 ST, New York
5:30/9:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Rev. K. C. Jones
Dr. I. Thomas
Mr. W. Griffiths
Mr. W. Greenway

(Absent with apology -
Dr. Cyril Jenkins)

1 - PRINTING

All printing will be centralized with Mr. John Vartanian, Manager, Fifth Avenue Printing Co., 500 5 Ave., New York, N.Y. 10036, Room 31-32 (Basement), telephone number (212) 354-8338. This will include appeal letters, programs, hymnal, tickets.

*Jack - I
will
discuss
letter heads
you are
holding
Bill*

2 - PROGRAM/HYMNAL

Bill Griffiths to discuss with printer suggested program format, paper, cover boards, brief for advertising copy, for report Apr 15. Approval was given for Bill Griffiths to use his judgment on sizes, paper/cover board, etc. selected. (3000 copies).

3 - COVER DESIGN

Awaited from Dr. Cyril Jenkins.

4 - MAILINGS

- a) First NGGA Mailing - Appeal plus NGGA Program information - in process.
- b) Second St. David's Mailing - to include report of progress plus copy NGGA Mailing - for Apr 1 Mailing.
- c) Advance registration mailing - NGGA/St. David's - Jun 1.
- d) Additional mailing updated Wales Week Brochure - May 1.

e) Dr. I. Thomas to investigate selected mailings to Scranton, West Coast Ethnic Entities.

f) Need new supply of mailing envelopes from Jack Meadows (with legible addresses) (Action: N. Morris)

5 - REGISTRATION (Norman Morris)

a) 5000 Hotel Registration Cards to be ordered from the New York Hilton (cost \$19.00 per M - over run 1500/2000) (Lead time 3/4 weeks) - TOP PRIORITY.

b) Advance NGGA Registration card proof being prepared - (Norman Morris/Rev. K. O. Jones)

c) Norman Morris to clear tax exemption system for registrants with Bill Leibert.

6 - MORRISTON CHOIR

Tentative itinerary distributed.

Letters sent 3/17/75 to Washington, Philadelphia, E. Stroudsburg, Utica and Huntington (E. Joseph).

Repertoire/Program received - need more details.

Awaiting details of soloists - TOP URGENT - for program printing.

7 - ORGANIST/ORGAN

Bill Griffiths to send mailgram to Lyn Harry re Leslie Ryan and investigate organ hire.

8 - ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY
INCLUDING RADIO/TV

Discussed. James Williams appointed liaison with British Information Service (Ian Brett). Some attendance at CGGA Gymanfa, Niagara Falls, May 2/4 desirable.

9 - W.A.Y.

Mair Monkhouse ill, so W.A.Y. liaison will revert to Gwynn Parri. (Rev. K. O. Jones to write).

10 - SOLOISTS

Havard Gregory asked to assist with selection of Artists
(TOP PRIORITY).

Note:

For discussion before next meeting:

- 1 - Feeding arrangements between sessions.
- 2 - Presidents of two sessions.

Distribution:

New York Committee
Norman Morris
NGGA - President
Executive Secretary ✓
Meirion Lewis
Gerwyn Hopkins
Ian Brett (BIS)

44th ANNUAL NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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1975

VENUE: The New York Hilton
5th Street and Avenue of the Americas
New York City

DATES: August 28/31, 1975 (Labor Day weekend)

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$3.00 (Includes Program, hymnal supplement, and admission to both Gymanfa sessions)

KEY GYMANFA WEEKEND EVENTS:

Friday: 3:00 P. M. - Special Program for the ladies
8:00 P. M. - Noson Lawen (Traditional Welsh "Merry Evening," dating back to the 17th Century, with music and poetry and fun.) M.C.: Havard Gregory. (Donation: \$2.00)
10:00 P. M. - Te Bach (Tea/coffee/cakes)

Saturday:

8:30 A. M. - 12:00 Noon - Annual Meeting of the Association
Exciting Circle Line and Manhattan Tours
12:00 - 2:30 P. M. - Reception and Luncheon with special guest, the Bishop of Llandaff, the Rt. Rev. E. Stephen Thomas, (Llandaff was the birthplace of Francis Lewis, Welsh-born signer of the Declaration of Independence)
7:30 P. M. - Concert by Morryston Orpheus Male Voice Choir of Wales, with Lyn Harri, Conductor. (Tickets: \$5.00)
Master of Ceremonies: Havard Gregory.

Sunday: 10:30 A. M. - Bilingual Church Service in Welsh and English.
Quick snack service provided by Hotel.
2:30 P. M. - Afternoon Gymanfa Session. Conductor: Dr. Terry James
Quick snack service provided by Hotel.
6:30 P. M. - Evening Gymanfa Session. Conductor: Dr. Terry James
Refreshments will be served.

Monday: Baseball - Shea Stadium
"Hwyl a ffarwel" and Closing Ceremony for "Wales Week in New York"

Morryston Choir present for Church Service and Gymanfa Sessions
Hospitality Suite with bulletin board for all registrants
Separate activities for WAY registrants
Watch the "Drych" for monthly announcements

ROOM RATES: Gymanfa registrants: \$23.00 single/\$33.00 double.
(Non-commissionable) All room bookings must be on Official NNGA registration forms to secure tax-exempt status.