

MESSIANIC ISRAELITE

Music Makers:



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About this form:

This is an instructions form for **Music Makers**.

General overview:

Music is a big part of the worship of Yahweh. Here, you'll find instructions on how you should go about Music Making **if** using the internet to assist you creating, making, singing and then offering music to Yahweh, ideally with others for free.

Instructions:



Making music

Worshipping Yahweh is done by praising Yahweh and we are instructed in the Word to *sing* praises to Yahweh. They are different ways you can go about music making. The main ones are listed below:

1. Take up a songbook in your home and sing the AOY songbook songs to Yahweh throughout the week with the AOY music that they have supplied
(The AOY have kindly made available the AOY music on their site. Members can login, go to members > live service stream and then 'Download Song Book' under the Bulletin section.)
2. Use the AOY songbook to create your own rendition of the AOY songs, using the same words in the AOY songbook but your own melodies. This may be acappella.
3. Find a nice instrumental piece or loop on the internet and add your own words to the song or use the words that go with that song. You can do a basic search for instrumentals on YouTube.
4. Create some music yourself from an application like Logic Pro or your own instruments
5. Find a spiritual song and sing along with that song. Just write out the lyrics of that song and sing along to the song.

Whichever way you choose to create music, we are advocating you to record the music you make so you can listen to it whenever you like and if you really like it, share it, so others can be encouraged also.

Indeed, one could just pick up a songbook and sing to Yahweh using that throughout the week and we are encouraged to do this. At other times we may want to praise Yahweh in our own words. Many times we may be humming or singing a song that we ourselves have devised, whether that is on a walk or somewhere else. How many times do the youth come up with great songs only to lose them afterward? They forget how the song went, they forget the words. Since messianicisraelite.com aims to make us all more spiritual, this category concentrates on devising and creating songs to Yahweh throughout the week, not just the Holy Days and recording them as well as sending them to the Living Way to be published on the Living Way Facebook page. Thus we will create an atmosphere where offering songs to Yahweh will be greatly encouraged throughout each week. Even if there is a tune you have come up with, and you have no music experience, you can record a humming of the tune so it can be made in to music at a later date.

In this category, we are advocating that the Living Way publish songs created for the youth or by the youth on their Facebook page. So far, you can't upload to Facebook music, but you can provide a link to the music on Soundcloud, or some other music streaming site where you can upload music to. When songs are published to the Living Way Facebook page, others will be able to sing along to the songs created too thus creating a cycle of music making. This will be a huge blessing to the ministry and it is believed this will really encourage the youth to come up with songs, or sing AOY songbook songs, to Yahweh, record them and send them in.

Although not fantastic, one can create songs using free loops as a baseline which we explain later in this document. If you can play a musical instrument, you can hook up with others on Soundtrap to collaborate making great music together. If you're interested in volunteering to help the ministry in music making, you can take an online course in music production so you can create music, or help others, but if not, you can ask someone in the faith to create the music for you if they play an instrument or use software like Logic Pro. If you cannot sing, you can contact others in the faith to sing a song for you, so long as you write the lyrics, have the music and have attempted to sing the song yourself. Alternatively, you can pay for a singer to sing a song for you or create the music you want for your song.

With the digital songs recorded and sent by email to the Living Way, and subsequently published on Facebook, this will greatly provoke one another to good works to create songs to Yahweh. You'd be surprised how creative and talented the youth of the ministry are.



First things first

The messianicisraelite.com site contains the Music Maker page. On it, we have listed several sites to which people, especially 16 – 25 year olds, can go to listen to instrumental music which can be used easily to add their own words to so they can sing to Yahweh. The list isn't excellent at the moment. The website you will find most useful is www.soundtrap.com . Soundtrap allows one to create music collaboratively through the internet online. You can invite people to help you create your song, or just for them to listen to the progress you are making. It is similar to other music applications like Reason, but it's simpler to

	<p>use and it's online so a number of people can come together to work on the same song.</p> <p>The editor will show how one can use this site to create music with others in the faith.</p>
	<p>Beginning in the home</p> <p>Singing to Yahweh begins in the home, then, once you feel confident enough, you sing before the assembly. The first link on that page is best, but we hope to add to, or improve that list as Yahweh wills.</p> <p>There's an amazing way in which the people of Yahweh can use the internet to unify us all, regardless of location, in offering songs to Almighty Yahweh. Leading on from this it needs to be stressed that although we are encouraging music making throughout the week, ideally coming together during the Feast Days at a central location (i.e. Bethel) so we can offer these songs with the people we have practiced it with would also be a great blessing. This should hearten all people affiliated with the AOY to attend the Feast Days.</p>
	<p>Soundtrap</p> <p>Soundtrap was discovered by the editor in 2019. The editor was looking for music sites which allowed people to work collaboratively. Coincidentally, the site Soundtrap also called its users Music Makers which was the name of this category four years before Soundtrap was even discovered! Earlier on in 2019, Soundtrap was not free. The editor only was able to try it out using a trial version.</p> <p>This application would be ideal to use for those in the faith who want to come together and make music. The brilliant thing about this software is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is free, allowing you access to 5 projects, 480 loops and 125 instruments. 2. Music makers can come together on the same music project. You can invite other people affiliated with the AOY to work on projects with you and can message each other within the software. <p>You could use Soundtrap in combination with Audacity and Looperman. You could use Audacity to record your music offline and singing, then put it in Soundtrap and see if others can add to your song in some meaningful way. You can also upload songs directly to Youtube through Soundtrap.</p> <p>If you can't create music, or can't find a nice instrumental piece, you can create entire songs with loops as a baseline. Feel free to download additional loops from looperman.com if you so desire. We will cover this later on. Better still, if you, or others, can play instruments you won't even need to use loops. You can also record singing and have multiple singing voices in a project.</p> <p>They are a number of tutorials on Soundtrap to explain how to go about creating music, so we won't explain it here. Go ahead to Soundtrap and start creating your songs to Yahweh.</p>



Using Soundtrap to sing AOY songbook songs

Some people have come up with some great harmonies and melodies when singing from the AOY songbook. Soundtrap will be able to be used to bring people together to sing AOY songbook songs too, but with different melodies and this will be brilliant. It only takes 2 – 3 people to sing beautiful well harmonized songs. It starts off by singing the song yourself, recording it through Soundtrap and then inviting others to see if they can harmonize well with your rendition of the song. Alternatively, you can sing multiple harmonies yourself. Once you have a fully fledged song that you like, you can download the song and send it to the Living Way or even to your MP3 player, or computer to listen to whenever.

Remember, it's not just singing that people can add to your song, but also instruments such as guitar, flute or violin.

The AOY have kindly made available the AOY songbook music files to download, which you can put in to Soundtrap.

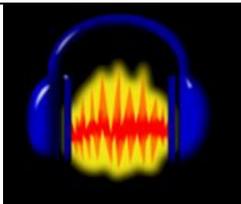


Looperman looperman.com.

The free version of Soundtrap only has a limited amount of loops that you can use. As mentioned previously, you can use loops as a baseline for your songs especially if you don't have any music makers helping you to make the songs. Then you can add instruments and singing over the top of those loops. There is a site called www.looperman.com where you can find some really nice loops for music. Concentrating on looperman.com you will have to sign up to the site to download loops, but it is free. You should comb (the process of searching) the site for loops which interest you most. Some loops you will find that really appeal to you and you will automatically in your head start creating lyrics for those loops. The most likely categories you will use for spiritual music will be acoustic guitar, flute, harp and piano, among others too.

When you play the loop on the site, the loop does exactly that. It plays over and over enabling you to come up with your own lyrics easily for a full length of a song. The editor will cover in detail how you should go about downloading the loop you want and what free program you can use to create a normal duration song from a loop.

Having just a loop playing over and over can be quite monotonous which is why it would be good to add other musical instruments and effects to the song in Soundtrap.



Using Facebook and audacity

About audacity and sound recorder

Here we cover what you could do if for some reason you aren't using or don't want to use Soundtrap. All Windows computers should have an application

called sound recorder.



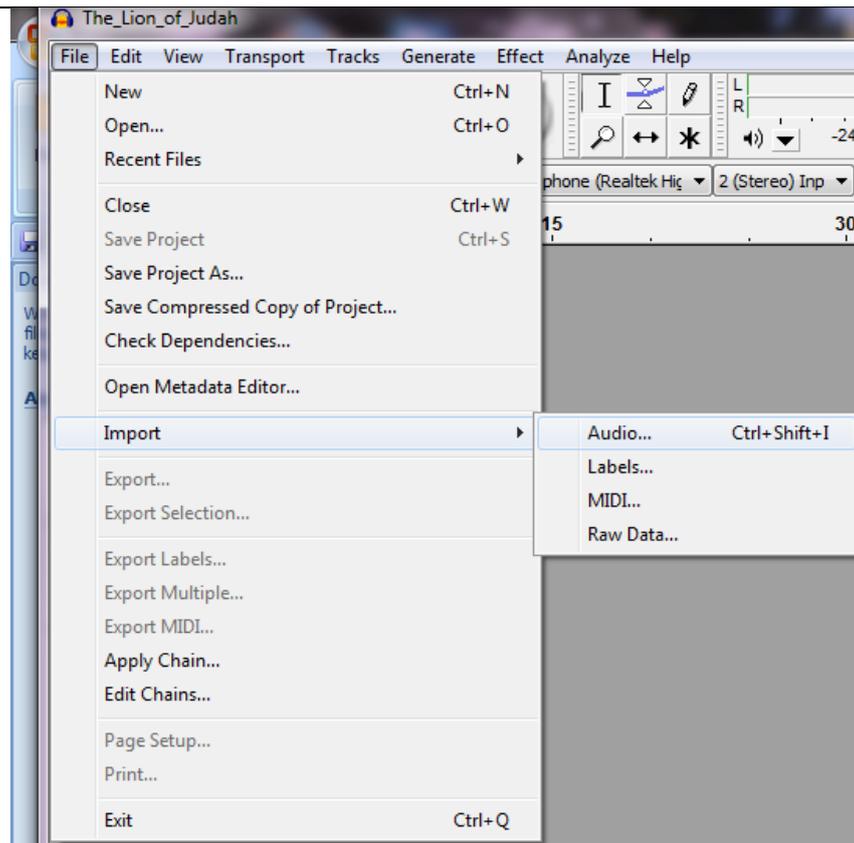
Use that instead of audacity if you are, for some reason, unable to get audacity. Audacity is a free music editing program. You can download it from here: <http://www.audacityteam.org/download/> and various other places.

There are various ways how you can go about our song writing. As you should know, coming up with songs requires to the most part:

1. Music
2. Lyrics
3. Singing

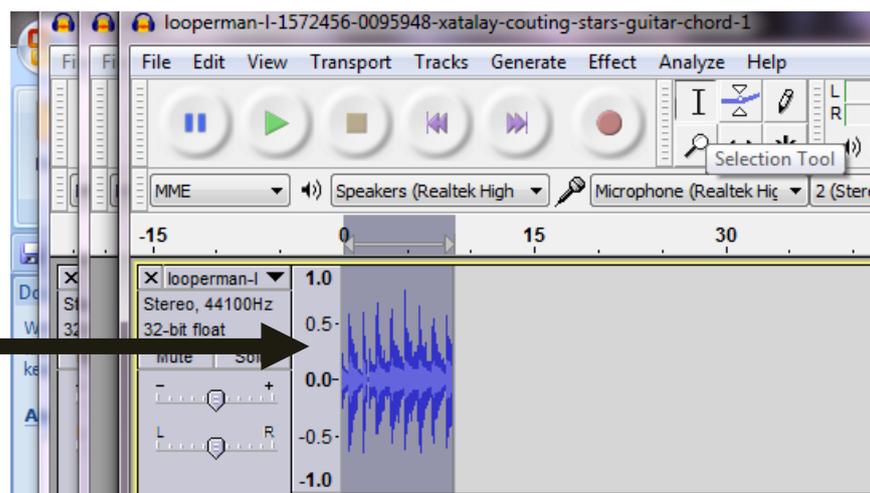
We've almost covered the music part. The next stage is coming up with lyrics that go with the song. There are various ways to do this. One of which would be opening the loop in Windows Media Player or another player which allows a 'repeat' of the loop so that you can sing for how long you want to, then use sound recorder to record both your singing and the music simultaneously. But the best method is using audacity. This we will explain below:

Assuming you have downloaded Audacity for free, and you have downloaded the loop song you want to your computer, follow these instructions. In Audacity go to file > import > audio and then find your music file. If your music file isn't in WAV format or other uncompressed type it may not work. All you'll have to do is find a website like this one: <http://www.online-convert.com/> which will convert your loop/music file to a WAV format, or another format that Audacity supports like AIF.



Once you have imported your loop, then you need to have it repeated to the length of the song you have planned. You may want to add a single loop at the beginning and end of the song so that it isn't too abrupt in starting and finishing. It's up to you.

To create your music from the loop, use the selection tool to select the music from the **wave form**. The wave form is the bars that show how loud the music is and it's length etc as seen below:



Once it is selected, go to the Effect tab > Repeat. It used to be the case where the editor had to copy the loop X amount of times to create a fully fledged

song, but this method is a lot easier and using the effect 'Repeat' means you get to say exactly how long the song should be.

Once done, you can then use the record button in audacity to record your words for the song. Most laptops nowadays come with a built in microphone, as is the case with the rather ancient one the editor is using now! This means you won't need to buy anything to record your singing. Still, if you want to improve the quality of your songs, feel free to purchase a microphone to plug in to your computer or laptop.

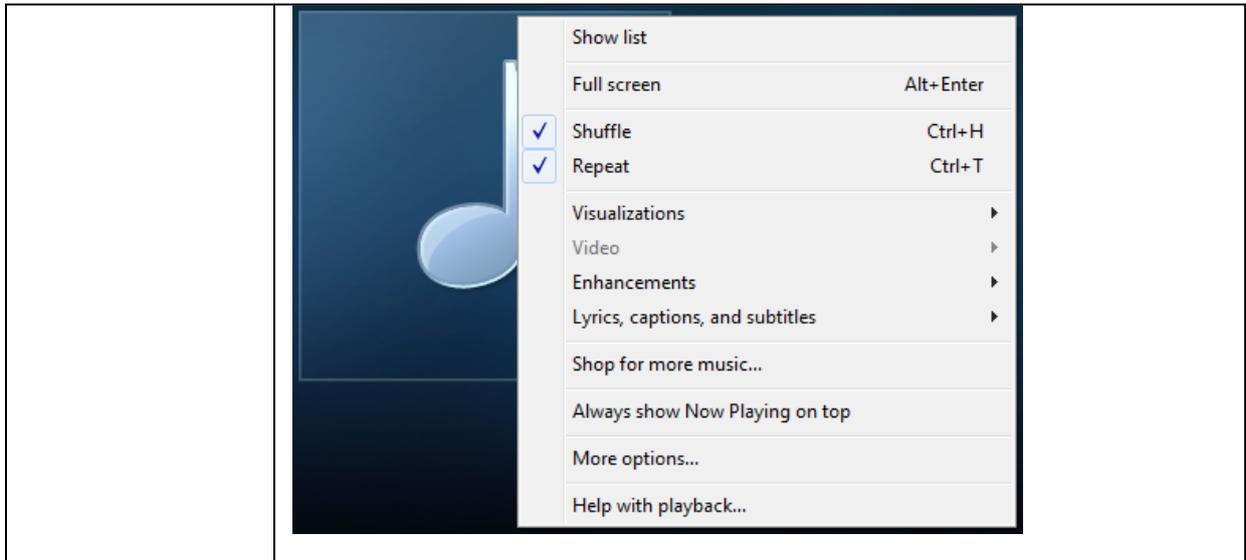


Feel free to play around with the effects once you've done. You can save your project anytime, but once you have completely finished your song, then you will want to export it by going to file > export. Once you have done this, you can then store it on your computer, save to your MP3 player, or send to someone else for review or to have them contribute to the song with their singing or instruments they can use. You can send songs through Facebook live chat, Whatsapp, email, Soundcloud etc. If you are sending a song so someone else can try adding to it, have them open it in Audacity and let them record whatever additions they want to add to it. If you as the original music maker dislike it, then you can always reject that version – but do so politely!!

Remember that with Audacity you do not need music, you can sing acappella and come up with some great harmonies by recording yourself multiple times singing with different melodies. Furthermore, you can actually put other people's specials in to Audacity and sing over the top of them your own melody.

Practicing singing with loop music using just Windows Media Player

Once you have downloaded your loop from looperman.com or another website, you can practice your song writing and singing by, if using a Windows computer, opening the loop file and playing it on **repeat** in Windows Media Player (just press CTRL + T). However, the problem with this method is there is about a 1 second lapse between each repeated loop. For this reason, using Windows Media Player isn't fantastic.



Scenarios

Many in the AOY cannot easily come together to practice songs, so, the idea is that if we have a song we want to sing or play, and it isn't in the AOY songbook, and you don't want to sing or play it on your own, you can sing or play it, then record it, and then send it to others to find out if they would be interested to join in in some way, whether if that's to add music to the song, or to sing with you, or to add words to the song.

The AOY is a very talented group of people because Yahweh has given us a variety of gifts. We have those who can sing, but also those who can play musical instruments and if we can bring these talented people together, how great would the Assemblies of Yahweh become? Soundtrap is ideal for this, but below we have included some alternatives.

After you have recorded the song

If you are sending that individual a song with words, ensure you **write out the lyrics** also. To do so, you can just open a live chat window in Facebook with the person you want to send the music file and lyrics to, and then attach the music file, and write out or copy the lyrics in to the live chat box too. The end product of this is that when we come together at the holy days we can offer these songs that we've been **practicing**. Despite not having met up in person, we would have adequately prepared the song, singing in our own homes and practicing it so that we can offer the song on the Holy Day, whether Sabbath, or Feast Day.



Sharing songs

You should be careful. Sharing songs may require a certain level of trust, especially if you feel you aren't the best of music makers.

If you're unsure whether you should share a song with others, then send your song to the Music Director at Bethel and let them advise you. Read section three sections down entitled "**The music director**".

Don't be too badly offended if people decline to do a song with you! When the editor sent his first song to someone in the faith who was interested, he didn't receive a response back! Maybe it's an indication that you need more practice. In any case, you can always sing such songs to Yahweh within the privacy of your own home.

Writing a song without music

The editor cannot read music notes, or write music, except to write lyrics. So, he sent an email to someone in the faith who Yahweh has blessed with the ability to play a musical instrument to find out if they could create some music to accompany the song. Of course, the editor had to sing the song first without the music, record it and send it to the recipient so the instrument player could get a good understanding of the rhythm, melody, pace etc of the song. You can do the same. If you write and sing a song without any music and you need music to accompany that song, then you'll need someone in the faith to create music for you.

There is a problem with this. Ultimately, it needs to be stated forthrightly that **unless** an individual in the faith who can play a musical instrument has volunteered him or her self to take peoples songs and produce music to accompany them, then you shouldn't send them songs. The instrument player may have other commitments. For now, you will just have to ask them if they would be able or willing to do it. If they can't, don't worry about it. You can save the song and wait for them to become available, or, ask someone else or file the song away until a talented person becomes available. When online volunteering starts, it is hoped you will be able to contact the online volunteer manager to request them to create music for your songs by them giving this task to one of the able volunteers.



Using other methods

The editor is not technologically advanced. This instructions form contains the very fundamental principles to which one can use the internet to help unify us all, regardless of location, to sing songs to Yahweh by using the most basic programs. Nowadays, with smart phones and other devices, we can use apps like Whatsapp to share songs too and they are various apps that you can actually use to *create* music which may improve in the future. Facebook messenger is a great way to share music you have recorded.

	<p>Further, most smart phones have a 'voice recorder' so you can record your songs using that and then send your music to whoever via any method you choose.</p> <p>If you have an iphone, try using the app AudioShot which allows you to share songs through Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and more. You can also use things like Voicemeeter for Skype.</p>
	<p>Zoom and Harps</p> <p>All the way back in 2011 - 2012 Yahweh blessed the editor in allowing him to see that, if internet speeds increase to sufficient standards, we will be able to practice songs together using something like a live video chat. That would be instantaneous and much improve our ability to unify and bring together different people from different locations to worship Yahweh.</p> <p>The editor called this Harps, or Harps of Yahweh but we'll see what Yahweh wills in the future. This would be available to online volunteers.</p> <p>Zoom</p> <p>The website Zoom could be used for the purpose of a virtual choir where users could take it in turns to sing verses from AOY or spiritual songs. This can be accomplished through the mute button. While muted all users can sing along, but then when it is the users turn to sing, they would unmute and sing the song and it could be taken in turns like that. This would be excellent as it would encourage us all to sing to Yahweh.</p>
	<p>The music director</p> <p>As those affiliated with the AOY should know, we have a music director at Bethel. That individual isn't currently on Facebook, but if it is Yahweh's will, then you can still contact him by email. We will not include his email address here as we haven't asked to have permission or approval to do so by the AOY yet.</p> <p>If you encounter a song which someone has sent you, and you are unsure whether it is appropriate for the Assemblies of Yahweh, recognising that the AOY does not accept worldly music, then you should firstly let the creator of that song know, then have them send it in email to the music director at Bethel and await for them to return your email with an approval or disapproval of that song. This is why we used the example of using the Sound Recorder to record songs, because you can send such files in email very easily as an attachment.</p> <p>When you send the song in email, do not forget to include the lyrics of the song in the email as the lyrics also may need to be checked.</p>



How to fill out the music makers form

In November 2020 we created a form for music makers to be able to submit their music to the Living Way with a link. The form is on www.messianicisraelite.com in the music making category. We will go through each aspect of the form here to show you how to fill it out if you wish to submit music you have created to the Living Way. It must be stressed that you may not feel you are the best of music makers but it's worth giving this a try anyway to increase your spirituality and to glorify Yahweh.

The first section on the form is name, today's date, tribe and age. Put in your full name, the date you are completing the form in the format dd/mm/yyyy, your tribe if you are in an online group and your age. If you are just a contributor and not in a tribe, just put N/A.

Print name or sign::

Date:

Group no / tribe:

Age

For the second section, you have to upload your music if you haven't already, to a file sharing site. They are a number to choose from. They are a number of ways you can go about recording your music electronically. You are welcome to use Audacity. Once you have recorded your song, you'll want to save the file (for Audacity you have to export the file) as an mp3 or wav file. Then you'll be able to upload it to a file sharing site such as OneDrive, Soundcloud etc. Once you have done so, you can acquire a private link from those sites linking to that music file which you can include in this section here:

Link to music:

To show that you have created music, please upload a recording of your song to a file sharing site like OneDrive, Dropbox, Soundcloud, Soundtrap, Youtube etc and share the private link with us. Please insert the link below:

The next section is if you want your song reviewed. Just delete the unnecessary option such as :

Review:

Do you wish to have your song rated? (Delete as unnecessary)

What this is is quite simple. If you would like someone in the Living Way to listen to your song and give you a rating of what they think of it based on various criteria, then select 'yes' and if not 'no'. If you're a sensitive person you might want to forego this, but it is entirely up to you. The rating will help you improve your music as you may be given pointers to improve. It is being set up that they'll be criteria for different aspects of the song which will be given a 5 star rating and then comments afterwards. The Living Way should try to accommodate your feelings and won't be too harsh but they will try to show you in as best way they can how they feel you can improve your music to Yahweh.

The next section gives you a chance to say how you think the song went in a comment. How you found coming up with the song, playing it or singing it.

Mini report:

Please briefly conclude how you found coming up with this song.

Because I don't play instruments I often end up doing my own creative pieces acapella. On this song I tried to create music using my music production skills but feel they are still quite basic. I would like to keep trying to improve.

The next section is your satisfaction grade. What grade would you give your song.

Satisfaction Grade:

Rate how it went. (A is the highest grade, E is the lowest grade)
You should leave the grade letter that you want and delete the rest.



The next section is sharing the song.

Sharing the song:

Do you give the Living Way the permission to share this song i.e. on the Living Way Facebook page or with the online group (tribe).

Note: We may only share the best of our music making contributions and even if you select yes the Living Way may choose not to share it. It may also depend on your age as the AOY would like to encourage especially the youth to make music to Yahweh.

Yes

If you don't mind the Living Way sharing your music on the Living Way Facebook page for others to be encouraged select 'yes' and if not 'no', just delete what's unnecessary. As stated in the box, it is probable that the Living Way will only share songs which are particularly good. We don't want people to be put off creating music to Yahweh, but we feel the best ones should be shared on the Facebook page for inspiration. If you are a volunteer, the tribe leader may share good music with the tribe too.

For the Spirituality Room, this feature is for those who are online volunteers only so you can ignore this if you are a contributor. It shows what spiritual points are available for the category.



Difference between 'contributors' work from 'volunteer' work

A brief history

At the present time (February, 2016), messianicisraelite.com has been set up as a foundation to which anyone affiliated with the AOY and is 16 or over may contribute work or good fruit to the Assemblies of Yahweh or Yahweh himself through the internet via the Living Way Youth Program. The individuals that send work to the Living Way by this method are called **contributors**.

The difference between the volunteers and contributors would be that volunteers would be dedicated workers, producing work consistently every 2 weeks, or, 'every season', whilst contributors would just send in work whenever they can or want to.

This is what you should know about the Music Maker category if you are considering becoming a volunteer for the future.

Volunteering

In the Music Making category, you could be given the following tasks:

- 1) Find songs that can be sung by members by re-editing the lyrics
- 2) Find instrumentals for the glory of Yahshua
- 3) Get those who can to, possibly using software like Reason & Logic Pro, create music for those AOY persons who desire music to go with songs they've written
- 4) Bring people together to sing songs during the week
- 5) To sing in groups virtually via Zoom or another application.
- 6) To create music for Yahweh
- 7) To sing AOY songs or other spiritual songs, record them and send them in



Logic Pro X

Such songs will be shared with all the volunteers and it is a possibility that, depending on the creator and the suitability of the music, may be uploaded to the Living Way Facebook page. For example, an instrumental created by a 22 year old in the faith could be uploaded up there, or music sung by children. The Living Way manager will have to decide.

At some point in the future, and if Yahweh wills, the living way email address may be used to send in music created solely by youths in the faith.



Will Yahweh be pleased

The editor thinks that if Yahweh saw His people, and especially the youth, creating instrumental music to which others can sing to, writing and singing music and then sending it to others so they can join in and subsequently offer it at the holy days and searching for music on the internet that can be used by those who want to offer specials to Yahweh, he would be very pleased. And this is all what we want. To be well-pleasing to Yahweh, our Father in heaven.



Advice

We have tried to ensure that computer use is kept to an absolute minimum despite us using the internet as a unifying factor. You can, once you find a song, or create one, come up with lyrics away from the computer. You may want a file containing the lyrics of songs you have sung to Yahweh and the names of the music pieces that go with it.

The best method of creating a song, if you have found a song and you just want to add your own lyrics to it is to download the song to your MP3 player and get away from the computer. Then, get a pen and piece of paper and write out the lyrics to that song as you see fit. Once you have done this, practice the song with your MP3 player, not on your computer. Once you feel you have perfected the song as best you can, then get back on the computer, record it and then send it to others as you see fit. That way, the computer use should be kept to a minimum.

The most time-consuming aspects are finding or making the song, writing the lyrics and practicing the song and finding or making the song is the only option here that requires a computer. However, by using the links on the Music Maker page on messianicisraelite.com or, if Yahweh wills, using the music posted to the Living Way Facebook page, you will be able to reduce the amount of time you spend doing this by a significant amount to the point where the computer use will be less than 20 minutes.

Thanks!

“Now you have consecrated yourselves to Yahweh; come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings in to the house of Yahweh.”

2 Chronicles 29:31

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“Yahweh wants a perfect sacrifice...not only is the animal supposed to be a perfect sacrifice, but the music that accompanied the sacrifice also was to be perfect”

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