

December 6, 2007

Dear Choir,

Sometimes the best laid plans end up changing for somewhat complex reasons. I won't go into all of the reasons in this letter, but suffice it to say that Christmas plans have changed dramatically this week.

Those of you who have expressed concern over the lack of time for prep of the Britten might perhaps be relieved to know that we will be using only two of the Britten carols this year after all. I will explain the rationale behind this changes next Thursday, December 13.

When Carlos and Allison planned the "Los Posados" theme for the children this year, I told them that, had we planned it, I had a wonderful cantata that the Adult choir could do which would underline and celebrate this theme. When Jed told me that he had thoughts of "voices of Christmas from different lands", I told him, that, had we planned it, I had a wonderful cantata that we could do which would underline and celebrate that theme.

In a nutshell, we are going to postpone the full Britten until next year, and take on three of the carols from the Hispanic Cantata "Navidad Nuestra" by Ariel Ramirez so that we more closely reflect the plans that have developed among the other staff members. I will be retypesetting these carols so that they are easier to read, and I think that you will find them to be quite easy to learn.

This website will have the music and scores available sometime in the next week. We will need as many adult choir members who can participate in the 5:00 service this year to do so as well as the 7:00. The reasons for this will be clearer as we proceed.

Thanks for all of your patience, and hard work! We will see you all next week, Dec. 13.

In Christ,

Mark