

National Deaf Evangelism Ministries Conference UPCI  
Ministry in Song Guideline and Request Form

The UPCI Deaf Evangelism Ministries (DEM) is pleased you are interested in ministering in song to the National Deaf Evangelism Conference (NDEM). Below you will find our guidelines. We have many individuals and groups desiring to minister in song at the conference and we are planning 2 songs per night. However, if you are not chosen to minister in song during the week night services, there will be a Signspiration at the end of the week and you may be invited to join in that Celebration of Song!

**Guidelines:**

1. We are looking for **ministers in song**, not performers.
2. We are not “grading” the groups or looking for perfection, but we do want groups who show **evidence of much practice, time and prayer** put into their ministry.
3. Groups/individuals must have the **endorsement** of a UPC Pastor. Endorsement forms may be found on the web site [www.deafevangelism.com](http://www.deafevangelism.com).
4. Preference will be given to groups with Deaf members.
5. Groups/individuals attire must conform to the Platform Standard of Dress which may also be found at the web site.
6. The Endorsement form must be mailed to Pat Billingsly, 6061 Honeysuckle Rd., Little Rock, AR 72206 and received before the group/individual will be given a slot.
7. Groups/individuals are asked to remember that this is a **Deaf Conference**. The purpose of this conference is to minister to the Deaf, therefore their signs should conform to standard ASL signs. We understand that many groups around the country are doing a lot of “creative movement” type song/drama ministries that are not geared to specifically to the deaf and we support them and enjoy them. However we have an obligation to our NDEC to provide worship music for them in their language which they can understand and to which they can worship.
8. Fill out the bottom portion of this form and return to Kim Parks either by email or regular mail. Be sure to fill it out completely. Forms not filled out completely may not be considered for scheduling.

**Group/Individuals Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address for Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address for Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Church Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Be sure and get the Recommendation Form filled out by the Pastor and submitted.)*

**Song Title and Artist (required):**

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**Night Preferred (rate as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday

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**Platform Standard of Dress**

The following is the accepted standard of dress for the platform participants of the NDEC. This includes interpreters working in any capacity as well as those ministering in songs.

**Basic Guidelines:**

1. Clothing should be of a color that is contrasting to your skin tone. Exceptions would be groups.
2. Clothing should have no distracting decorations and is best to be of one solid color head to toe.
3. Clothing should be of the type worn by the major participants serving on the platform. For example, denim would not be acceptable except possibly at the Signspiration or a "western" theme event.

**Men:**

1. Should match the ministers on the platform. If they have on suit and tie then you should. Groups would be an exception to this.
2. Tie should be conservative, not distracting.
3. Avoid pin stripes.
4. Avoid metal buttons.
5. No jewelry except wedding band and watch.

**Ladies:**

1. Match the spirit of platform participants.
2. Clothing should be long, well below the knee. You will be on a raised platform and what may work normally, won't work on the platform.
3. Clothing should be loose, not form fitting, no low necklines and should not expose midriff at any time.
4. No jewelry except wedding band and watch.
5. No make-up or nail polish. Avoid white tips.