

Marie Harp

To the Outreach Committee:

I would like to host a benefit concert at Westminster Presbyterian to raise money for landmine clearance. The event would probably be next fall, before performers and potential audience members have their schedules filled. Members of the church choir, Firestone High School band and choir, West Side Vocal Academy students, and possibly other local singers or musicians will perform; it is impossible to determine exactly who until the space is reserved. A speaker will give a brief speech thanking the people who attend, telling them about the cause, and asking them to give generously. Afterwards, the performers will play/sing. The event should only last about an hour and require minimal setup. If possible, it should be on a Friday or Saturday night.

All proceeds of the fundraising will go to Mines Advisory Group, a humanitarian organization dedicated to clearing landmines throughout the world. MAG has been operating since 1989 and was co-laureate of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize. It is currently working in Angola, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gaza, Iraq, Laos, Lebanon, Rwanda, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, and Vietnam. The website URL is <http://www.maginternational.org>.

In addition to using the sanctuary, I would like to advertise through the church; an announcement in the bulletin would be great. I don't need any money from the church, and I can take care of the planning, publicity, and recruiting. All I need is your approval for the concert. Thank you for your consideration.