

## **Active Singer MEMBERSHIP**

**Once you are selected as a singer you also become a member of Common Thread: Community Chorus of Toronto. Common Thread is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in Ontario and as such is run by a Board of Directors selected from the membership. Members must agree to agree to the mission and values of Common Thread as noted in our by-laws:**

### **Mission Statement**

Common Thread: Community Chorus of Toronto is a non-audition community choir singing music from the multicultural folk traditions of Toronto. The mission statement that makes our goals explicit is as follows:

Common Thread: Community Chorus of Toronto is a non-audition chorus which promotes a sense of community by performing joyful and empowering music. All voices are welcome! We believe that everyone can sing and that together we can make beautiful music. We sing music that celebrates the dignity of all people and their struggles to create a better world. We sing for recreation, for reverence, for learning and laughter, for struggle, for hope, and for understanding. One of our goals is to encourage people to sing in their everyday lives; to that end, we often invite our audiences to sing along. We aim to "put a song on people's lips, not just in their ears!"

There are three main goals:

1. To build a culturally diverse group that performs music in languages from around the world;
2. To develop a sense of community within the chorus and between the chorus and the broader community;
3. To promote social justice through music.

### **Members have the following obligations and rights:**

(a) All members will abide by the Letters Patent and By-laws of Common Thread and further the goals of Common Thread as stated in any Mission Statement as well as the equity policy adopted by the board. Members will pay any membership fee that may be set by the board. However, no person shall be denied membership on the basis of inability to pay.

(b) All members will have the right to:

- Receive notice of, attend, make motions at and participate in all annual and other official meetings of members and in planning days and information and informal meetings of members.
- Participate in and receive the rights and considerations offered to them by the various groups, programs, and activities of Common Thread
- Periodically receive information about Common Thread and its programs.

(c) Active singing and active volunteer members will also have the rights to:

- Vote in the election of directors of Common Thread
- Vote on all matters brought before annual and other meetings of members

**Our by-laws and equity policy are available from the Chorus Administrator and are on our website.**