

## Helen Hofmeister

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Helen is Westminster's principal organist and choir director for the Sanctuary Choir, Kirk Singers, and Chapel Singers. She additionally oversees Westminster's entire music program, which also includes three children's choirs and instrumental ensembles.



Helen joined Westminster in 2006. Prior to Westminster, she held church music positions in Missouri, Kansas, Washington, and Germany.

She holds both a Bachelor's of Music and a Master's of Music in organ performance from the University of Kansas. She also did postgraduate work at the Hochschule für Musik in Köln, Germany, made possible by a Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst scholarship awarded by the Fulbright committee, which included four months of study at the Goethe Institut in Blaubeuren and nine months of study at the music conservatory in Köln.

Helen is a past Dean of the Grand Rapids American Guild of Organists (AGO) and currently serves on the Executive Planning Committee for the 2019 Regional Convention of the AGO in Grand Rapids. She has also served on the state board of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA). She is an accomplished carillonneur, and has performed carillon recitals in sixteen states in the U.S. as well as Belgium and the Netherlands. She is currently a member of the Barnes Scholarship Committee for the Guild of Carillonneurs in North American (GCNA) and is a past member of its Board and the Exam Committee.

When not involved in musical projects, Helen enjoys spending time with her Belgian Tervuren dog, Lacey, and her two rescue cats. She is also an avid Kansas Jayhawks fan, and reminds people not to call her during a Kansas basketball game.