

## Northwest University Concert Choir

For the past 16 years, the Concert Choir of Northwest University has been directed by Professor Bill Owen, chairman of the music department at Northwest University. Under his direction the Concert Choir performs in churches throughout the Northwest region, on campus and our tour occasionally. The two most recent tours include England and Wales (2006), where they performed in Canterbury, Southwark, Bristol, and Winchester cathedrals, Bath Abbey, Holy Trinity Church in Stratford, and Great St. Mary's Church in Cambridge; and Italy (2008) where they performed in Florence, Pistoia, Sorrento, Siena, Rome, and St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice. The purpose of the Northwest University Concert Choir is to learn, rehearse, and perform great music in order to create transcendent experiences that will impact our spiritual formation for the glory of God.

### William E. Owen, Director

William E. Owen, originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he received his B.S. in Sacred Music from North Central University in Minneapolis and an M.M. in Vocal Performance from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Mr. Owen has also completed much doctoral study in choral conducting at the University of Washington, specifically with Dr. Geoffrey Boers and Prof. Abraham Kaplan. Additionally, he has studied choral conducting with Dr. Paul Christiansen, (Concordia College, Moorhead, MN.), and Dr. Gerald Mack, (Hartt School of Music, Hartford, CT.). Presently he is the chairman of the Music Department at Northwest University in Kirkland, Washington where in addition to administrative duties, he directs the Concert Choir, and teaches conducting, hymnody, and music history. From 2006-2012, Mr. Owen served as the Director of Choral Worship at Seattle's University Presbyterian Church, where he directed the Cathedral Choir and assists in the planning of their weekly worship services. Prior to these appointments, Mr. Owen successfully directed the Music Ministry at churches in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Manitoba in full time capacities for 14 years.