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Welcome to Minneapolis! We are happy you have chosen to hold the North American regional Pan-Orthodox Music Symposium at St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral in Northeast Minneapolis.

I want to take a moment to recognize this remarkable event that brings together singers, directors, composers, musicologists, and chanters to explore the theme this year for "Orthodox Liturgical Music: Ancient and Modern Creativity". You make a valuable contribution of enriching the multicultural population of Minneapolis.

While you are here, I hope that you can carve out the time to enjoy what we have to offer. From the Mississippi riverfront to our world-class parks, Minneapolis is home to extraordinary outdoor amenities. In every neighborhood, you will find a diversity of businesses, restaurants, and arts and music scenes that are second to none. When I first came to Minneapolis a decade ago to run the Twin Cities Marathon, I fell in love with our city. I bet you will, too.

It is our honor to have you in Northeast Minneapolis, and – again – welcome to Minneapolis!

Sincerely,

Jacob Frey

Mayor, City of Minneapolis