

# Signing For the Deaf

## Purpose:

To develop the ability to interpret for and provide services to the deaf and hard of hearing to the glory of God and His church.

## Process:

- Ensure participants get a complete and current copy of the event rules.
- Determine proper grade division and signing level.
- Ensure that students are registered for only "Signing" for given time period. No one will be allowed to participate in an event if there is a conflict with another event. A student may move up a grade level to avoid conflict.
- Congregations will provide signing judges or event helpers. Include names and contact information with the Judge Registration form.
- Spectators may not enter or leave the room while a participant is signing.
- Applause is appropriate as a display of appreciation.
- **Please note on registration if interpreting services are needed at other LTC events and at what specific event/time.**
- Signing participants may be nominated to interpret the Sunday morning service. Please inform the interpreting participants of this opportunity.

## Grade Divisions:

There are three grade divisions in this event: Grades 3-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

## Signing Levels:

There are four signing levels in this event: Level 1, 2, 3 (or 3b), and 4. Beginners may use Level 1.

Experienced signers should advance through the levels, encouraging growth of signing skills.

## Participant Rules:

1. A participant may not watch other participants in the same event until he has completed his own event.
2. The event coordinator will provide the recordings for the convention. No other recordings may be used. No recording will be distributed in preparation for the event.
3. Participants must sign to the recording provided by the event coordinator at the convention.
4. No one may give signs or coaching instructions to the participant during the performance.
5. A solid color blouse / shirt / dress which contrasts with skin tone shall be worn while signing.
6. All participants will be pre-registered, according to congregation, in thirty-minute time slots in specific rooms. If participant's name is not on the list or other changes need to be made, go to the signing registration area for resolution.
7. All participants must meet at the assigned room 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time. The absence of some participants may advance the actual performance time of other participants.

## Event Rules:

1. The participant will fingerspell his own name and fingerspell the title of the selection to be signed. On selections chosen by the judge, the participant will fingerspell his own name and the title of each selection chosen by the judge.
2. The participant will sign the selections to a recording provided by the event coordinator at the convention.
3. Ensure that the version of the song follows the publication in this year's Signing Rules.
4. Once the judge has announced the selection, the selection choice will not be changed.
5. Participant may choose to bring and use a copy of the words for the song and/or scripture. The event coordinator will not provide words.
6. Ensure that the participant is ready to interpret the selections as described below.

## Signing - Level 1

Select 1 song or 1 scripture from the following selections:

\*\*\*Words from "Songs of Faith and Praise" Howard Publishing Co. Sign all of the verses.

- #18 Faithful Love
- #41 Mighty Is Our God
- Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV 1984)

## Signing – Level 2

Each participant will learn **ALL** of the following songs and scriptures. The judge will pick 1 song **AND** 1 scripture for the participant to sign.

\*\*\*Words from "Songs of Faith and Praise" Howard Publishing Co. Sign all of the verses.

- # 72 Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
- # 452 Standing on the Promises
- # 469 Faith Is the Victory
- Romans 1:16-17 (NIV 1984)
- Hebrews 11:1-3 (NIV 1984)

## Signing – Level 3

**Option A** - Each participant will learn all of the songs and scriptures in **Signing 1 and 2**. A recorded 30-second introduction will be played prior to the beginning of the chosen song. The participant will sign the introduction and then **1 song and 1 scripture as selected by the judges**. This provides the opportunity to experience interpreting unpracticed material.

### SAMPLE INTRODUCTION:

Good morning and welcome to LTC Signing for the Deaf. We are happy you are here and hope you are blessed by this event. I will now sign a song and a scripture from the Bible as directed by my judges.

**\*\*THIS IS ONLY AN EXAMPLE!** The actual introduction will be different at the LTC convention.

**Option B**- Participant will interpret two minutes of "Communion Thought" **SIMILAR** to the ones included below.

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### SAMPLE COMMUNION THOUGHT

"This is the time in our worship when we look back to the cross and what Jesus did for each of us there. We think of the way He suffered for our sins, the pain and agony that was caused by our thoughts and actions. We think of this bread, which represents His body offered for us. As we eat this bread, let us remember that He died so that we might live. He suffered for our sins, so that we might not die a spiritual death. And as we drink from this cup, the cup containing the fruit of the vine which represents his blood, shed for us, let us remember that His blood covers our sins and makes us clean and pure in God's sight. Jesus died so that we would not have to be separated from God for eternity. But more importantly, Jesus rose so that we could live with Him forever. As we participate in this Lord's Supper, let us think of all that means to us. By partaking of this feast, we remember Jesus' death and its significance for us until He comes again to take us home to Heaven."

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## Signing – Level 4

Interpret a four-minute devotional thought on "Journey of Faith."

Judging Categories: listed in order of importance

### S-1

Preparation  
Movement  
Fingerspelling  
Understandability  
Confidence  
Expression

### S-2

Preparation  
Movement  
Understandability  
Expression  
Confidence  
Fingerspelling

### S-3

Vocabulary  
Movement  
Preparation  
Understandability  
Process  
Confidence  
Expression

### S-4

Vocabulary  
Understandability  
Sign Clarity  
Movement  
Process  
Expression  
Confidence