

Emily Sensenbach-Gopal Children's Chorus Conductor

Emily Sensenbach-Gopal received her B.A. from Hamilton College and an M.S. in entomology at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. During these graduate studies, she continued her musical education and employment part-time until deciding to undertake further musical studies. In 2006, she received a M.M. from Westminster Choir College of Rider University, where she majored in sacred music.

Ms. Sensenbach-Gopal's graduate work at Westminster included performance studies of organ and choral conducting, as well as a strong academic background in church music. Her organ teachers have included Ken Cowan, Stephen Engels, Timothy Olsen, Steve Best, and Annette Richards. Her conducting teachers have included Andrew Megill, Sun Min Lee, G. Roberts Kolb, and E. Michael Richards. She has also undertaken conducting seminars with Scott Tucker, Heather Buchanan, Timothy Brown, and James Jordan. While a student at Westminster, she sang in the Westminster Symphonic Choir and had the enormous pleasures of performing the Brahms requiem with Neeme Järvi (NJ Symphony Orchestra) and Rafael Frübeck de Burgos (Dresden Philharmonic) and Berlioz's Damnation of Faust with Charles Dutoit (NY Philharmonic).

As a church musician, Ms. Sensenbach-Gopal has held organist/choir director positions at St. Luke Lutheran Church (Ithaca, NY) from 2001-2004, Christ Congregation (Princeton, NJ) from 2005-2006, and a number of other churches on an interim or substitute basis.

She is currently employed by St. Paul's Church in Milltown, NJ where she serves as organist/choir director and hopes to develop a strong choral program. She has worked since early 2006 as a theory/enrichment teacher with the Trenton Children's Chorus, a nonprofit organization seeking to provide musical opportunity for inner city children. She also accompanies the Rutgers Queens Chorale.

Ms. Sensenbach-Gopal currently lives in East Brunswick, NJ with her husband David.