

Nationally renowned choral conductor will be at Lincoln University on September 30th and October 1st.

Dr. Camilla Horne, Director of Choral Studies at Lincoln University, has invited nationally recognized choral conductor, Jewell Kelly, to come and work with the members of the 2019-2020 Lincoln University Concert Choir on Monday, September 30th and Tuesday, October 1st.

“I have had the honor to work with Jewell Kelly at the National James Cleveland Gospel Music Workshop Convention for the past twenty years. She is an outstanding choral director and I am thrilled that she has agreed to come and work with the members of the Lincoln University Concert Choir,” states Dr. Horne.

If you are interested in sitting in on one or both of the rehearsals, please contact Dr. Horne – chorne@lincoln.edu

JEWELL BLANTON KELLY M.MUS. ED

Jewell Kelly is a passionate practitioner and pioneer of the teaching profession, whose love for sacred music has earned her rightful recognition and praise. The “Jewell of Gospel” received Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Music Education from North Texas State University at a time when it was rare for African Americans to obtain such degrees.

Fifty years of teaching in the Fort Worth Independent School District combined with her abiding love for students and music let to her being awarded the BAYNARD FRIEDMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING FINE ARTS in 2000.

During her thirty-five years as the choir director at O.D. Wyatt High School, her SINGING CHAPARRALS were labeled, “A Community Treasure.” Ms. Jewell has served as guest director for several national and conventional choirs including the Gospel Music Workshop of America Mass Choir, The National Baptist Convention Mass Choir, The Missionary Baptist Convention Mass Choir, and Co-Director for the National Baptist, Inc., Mass Choir. She has served on the Gospel Music Workshop of America academic faculty for forty-five plus years.

Two of her proudest moments are the invitations to conduct a gospel workshop in Germany and to teach Choral Directing at the GMWA of Japan. One of her most regal and reflective moments came in 2012 when she was awarded the “ROLAND CARTER LIVING LEGEND AWARD” at the Hampton University Ministers’ Conference and Choir Director Guild Workshop in Hampton, Virginia.

Ms. Kelly serves as choir director at the FRIENDSHIP WEST CHURCH in Dallas, Texas where Frederick Douglas Haynes III is pastor. She is a mentor for the iconic Kirk Franklin and David Mann of “*Meet the Browns*.” She has one doting daughter, Robyne Evette.