

## Dr. Patricia Wright Biography



Dr. Patricia Wright has been Director of Music and Organist at Metropolitan since 1986. In September of 2010, she was covenanted as a Congregational Designated Minister of Music, a first in the United Church of Canada. She earned degrees in organ performance from Carnegie-Mellon University and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Yale University, with additional studies in France. Dr. Wright has been heard in recital in Canada, the United States, and Europe. A founding member of the United Church of Canada Association of Musicians, Dr. Wright is a past national president of the Royal Canadian College of Organists and holds an honorary Fellowship and a Distinguished Service Award from the RCCO. She also is Adjunct Professor of Organ for the University of Toronto Faculty of Music and is cross-appointed to Emmanuel College for the Master of Sacred Music degree programme. Recently, in collaboration with poet Patricia Orr, she released a CD recording Bach in Time: *Let There Be Beauty*.

In 2017, Dr. Wright served as a juror in the preliminary round of the Canadian International Organ Competition in Montreal and will serve as an international juror in the final round of the 2021 CIOC. In July of 2017, she served on the faculty of the Summer Institute of Church Music in Whitby, Ontario, and was awarded an honorary fellowship.