

Reconnecting Through Our Values: A Message from the WFMT President

Dear WFMT members and the global music therapy community,

In recent times, our community—like many others across the world—has encountered challenges that have tested our unity and trust. Shifting circumstances, both within and beyond our community, have created uncertainty and, at times, disrupted the sense of safety and stability we deeply value.

In moments like these, it becomes especially important to reaffirm our identity and the values that bind us together.

As a global organization, the World Federation of Music Therapy (WFMT) stands steadfast in its values, guided solely by its humanitarian principles, as we navigate an increasingly complex and evolving world. In times of uncertainty and global unrest, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the fundamental principles of human dignity, equity, and mutual respect. We uphold that every individual has an intrinsic right to be treated fairly, compassionately, and ethically, regardless of their nationality, race, gender, religion, or social standing. These principles, together with our newly refined core values, serve as the foundation of all that we do.

Guided by these values, the WFMT continues to foster safe and supportive environments where music therapists across the globe can share their knowledge, skills and perspectives freely and without prejudice. As we broaden our global reach and deepen our collective impact, we warmly invite all music therapists, partners and stakeholders to join us in realizing a shared vision of a more just, inclusive, and compassionate world. United in purpose, we can transcend challenges, dismantle barriers, and nurture a future where music therapy thrives through connection, respect and unity.

Warm regards, Vivian Chan President | World Federation of Music Therapy

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