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Bringle and Grindal named Hymn Society Fellows

GIA congratulates Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle and Gracia Grindal on being named Fellows of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada!

Mel Bringle is professor of philosophy and religious studies and coordinator of integrated studies major at Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina.

GIA publishes two collections of her hymn texts: *Joy and Wonder, Love and Longing* and *In Wind and Wonder*. Numerous composers have set her texts to hymn tunes and in choral arrangements; her texts appear in denominational hymnals throughout the world.

Gracia Grindal is professor emerita of rhetoric at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Well known for her texts and translations, Gracia collaborated with Alice Parker in fashioning new texts for *Thirty-Two Psalms from the Becker Psalter by Heinrich Schütz*, published by GIA in 2019.

In its 98-year history, the Hymn Society has bestowed this highest of honors on just over 80 members. A quarter of these Fellows of the Hymn Society have had their text collections, tune collections and books on hymnology published by GIA. Many others have had their texts and tunes published in GIA's hymnals.

Congratulations, Mel and Gracia. We are proud to be your publisher!

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