

## Announcement of Solo Bank Insurance

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Dear Friends,

This message from Dick Frantzreb is being sent to the 350+ individuals and churches – donors, purchasers and inquirers --with whom I have corresponded about church solo music over the past 10 years.

Last October, I was alarmed to find that Vocal Works ([www.vocal-works.com](http://www.vocal-works.com)) and the Solo Bank went offline for 8 hours. The website had been reliably hosted by iPower for the past 20 years, and this was the first service interruption that I was aware of. It got me thinking about preserving the continuity of access for Solo Bank users.

I hope to manage the Solo Bank for many more years, but how long I will be able to do so is not guaranteed. The current hosting plan is paid through November 5, 2025, and I will renew it then – if I'm able.

The site itself is programmed using Microsoft FrontPage 2003, a product that Microsoft stopped supporting after 2006. The non-support hasn't affected me, and I've been able to keep the site updated, often on a daily basis, since then.

The continuing advantage to FrontPage is that the software generates HTML code that is supported by all computers. And because it generates this universal code, the Solo Bank isn't dependent on the software of some proprietary web design service. I paid for the software once, and I have been able to maintain my website with no other expenditures except the registration of the URL and the cost of the iPower hosting service.

All that notwithstanding, it is predictable that someday the Vocal Works site and the Solo Bank will become unavailable online.

The good news is that access to the site does not require an online connection. It is possible for the site – 25GB of data, including the 2,000+ recordings – to be placed on a flash drive and run from the drive. Therefore, if you or your church have a flash drive with the Vocal Works website on it, you will be able to access the recordings and other information in the site indefinitely – for decades – by inserting the drive into a USB port in your computer, and executing the principal html file on the drive. The site will open up in your browser, and you will be able to navigate as usual.

I'm well past what people consider normal retirement age, and yet I sing a new solo every Sunday. And of course, I will be adding weekly recordings as long as I'm able – along with contributed recordings of other singers. So although I'm always thinking in terms of the continuity of the Solo Bank service, I would like to offer my site users a bit of "insurance" that they will always be able to access the Solo Bank recordings and other features.

Here's what I'm proposing, and the offer will be open as long as I'm able to fulfill it. You can order Vocal Works/Solo Bank on a 32GB flash drive for \$215. I will fulfill requests in the order received and send the flash drive with an invoice (no payment in advance).

The Solo Bank service has been my gift to you for the past 20 years. You might think of a Vocal Works flash drive as a gift to your church or music committee that will outlast your personal service.

Blessings to all,

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