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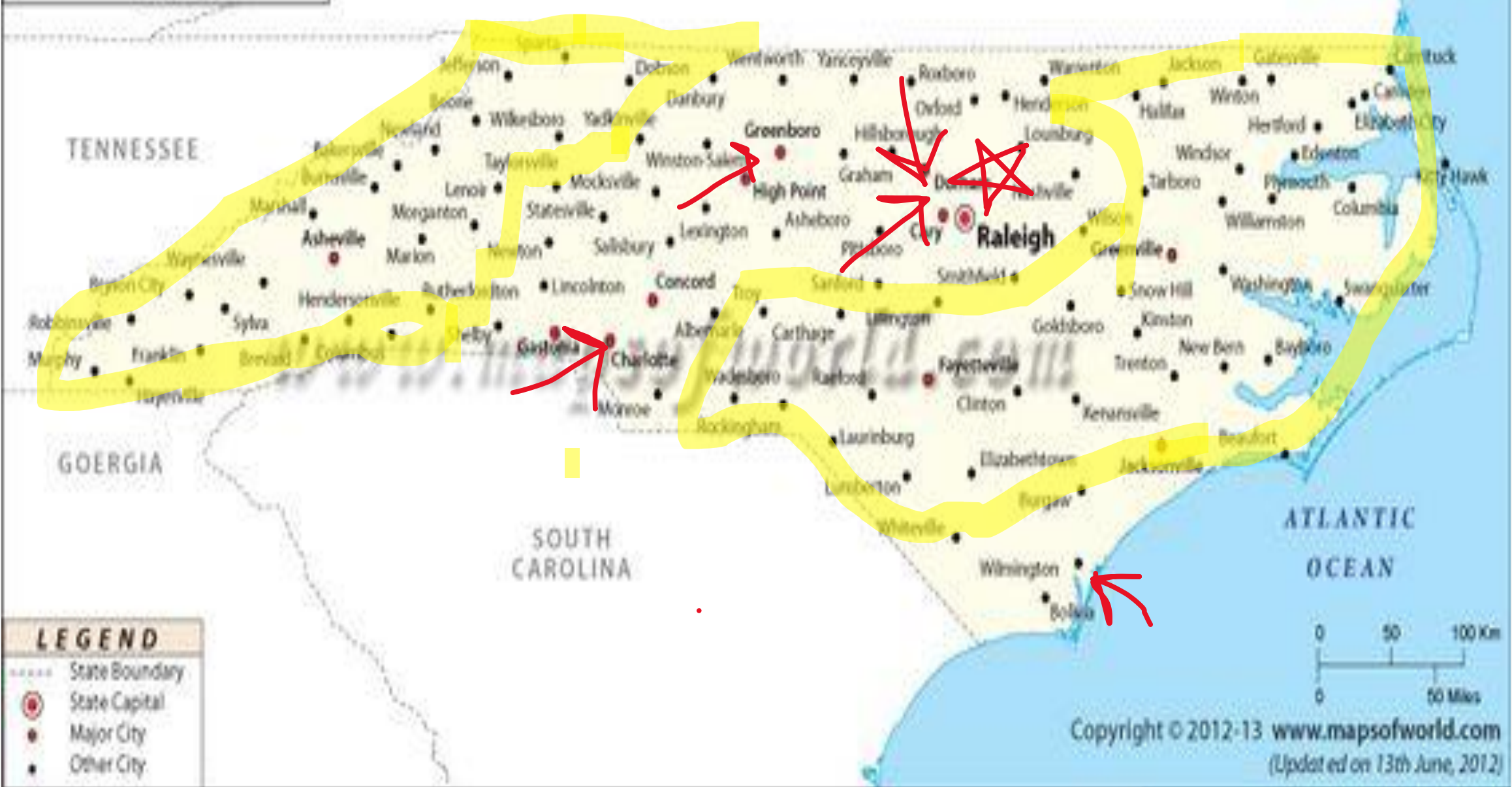




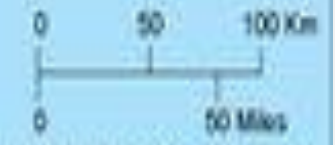


NORTH CAROLINA

Cities



LEGEND	
-----	State Boundary
⊙	State Capital
●	Major City
•	Other City



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WHY VLMTA MATTERS (BENEFITS TO MEMBERS)

- “1) Members can attend VLMTA Meetings while traveling out of town**
- 2) Members can attend VLMTA Meetings while they are sick/contagious**
- 3) Members can consume missed meals during a VLMTA Meeting**
- 4) Members can save HOURS of travel time when they attend a VLMTA Meeting**
- 5) Members (at home) have Studio resources to refer to while attending VLMTA sessions regarding repertoire music.**
- 6) VLMTA Meetings are recorded and posted on the website for members to view at a more convenient time.**
- 7) The broad spectrum of attendees from around the country brings a wealth of knowledge to the VLMTA members!”**

Diane Higgins, Charlotte and Watauga County, NC

“I am so grateful for this new community and I can't wait to meet my new colleagues and friends in person at the NCMTA conference in October. And if some can't attend, I know I will see them on Zoom.

VLMTA is essential because it helps connect us all in much wider and deeper ways.

We are able to share information, hear wonderful presentations, and meet incredible fellow teachers and musicians connecting monthly and learning new and exciting things.”

Jenna Jaffe, Asheville, NC

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“I first heard about this while I was still in Utah. Denise Frost, Utah MTA President, had heard about the virtual chapter. We were looking into starting one in Utah, specifically for those who couldn't make it to in-person chapter meetings. In my case it got harder to attend meetings with my kids. I am the primary caretaker, and I couldn't take them somewhere else every month. **The virtual meetings are a fantastic way for moms with young families to still be able to connect with members.**

I love the flexibility! I love that even though I'm still across the state from most members, I can join in.”

-Jessica Hart, Greenville, NC”

“I have been a member of NCMTA for 25 years. My level of participation had been limited to the annual NCMTA State conferences. Living in the rural mountains of Western North Carolina does not allow me to participate much on a local level. Even the regional events are too far. When I saw the email inviting me to join VLMTA, I jumped at this great opportunity to finally connect with some fellow colleagues. Not only have I gotten so much out of the various guest speakers, but I have enjoyed seeing the faces of fellow colleagues (and reading their posts on chat!) during our monthly meetings this past year. VLMTA is a blessing for teachers like me who don’t live in or close to a big city, and it has finally afforded me the chance to participate in an organization that I have been a part of for over 2 decades.”

Shereen Ivey, Franklin, NC



YEAR ZERO (MAY 2021-JUNE 2022):

- **BUILT OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM**
- **SOLICITED AND SURVEYED CHARTER MEMBERS**
- **APPLIED FOR GRANT**
- **CONSULTED MTNA AND NCMTA**
- **ORGANIZED AND CREATED BYLAWS**
- **BEGAN MONTHLY MEETINGS**

VLMTA of North Carolina – Year 3 in 2023-2024!

YOU ARE INVITED!

Email: fischer@elon.edu for more info



WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE

The VLMTA of North Carolina meets **online** on the last Friday of each month at **10:00am** Eastern Time. Note: November we will meet the 3rd Friday to avoid Thanksgiving, and no December meeting.

Mark your calendars for Fall 2023 meetings:

August 25, presenter Douglas Jurs

Topic:

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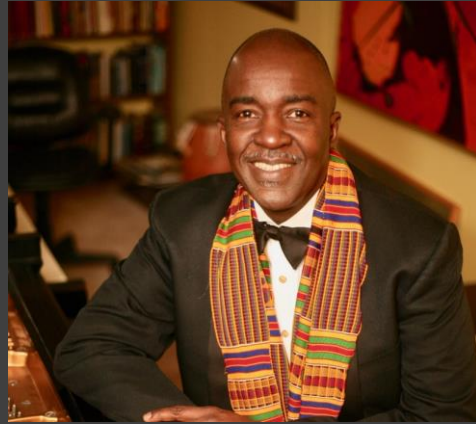
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YEAR ONE (JULY 2022-JUNE 2023):

- **PRESENTED TEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS**
- **FOUND OUR RHYTHM, GOT TO KNOW OUR CHARTER MEMBERS, AND COLLECTED A FEW MORE**
- **COMMUNICATED WITH OTHER STATES INTERESTED IN OUR MODEL**
- **BRAINSTORMED IDEAS!**

VLMTA GUEST PRESENTERS (2022-23)

- Kevin Chance
- William Chapman Nyaho
- Dennis Alexander
- Martha Hilley
- James and Kathryn Douthit
- Diane Higgins
- Andy Villemez
- Annie Jeng
- The NCMTA Board of Directors
- VFF, LCS, LL



Denise Pugliese



Colleen Hunter

YEAR TWO INITIATIVES (BEGINNING JULY 2023):

- **CONTINUED EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAMMING**
- **MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION**
- **FUNDRAISING**
- **INAUGURATION OF NEW EVENT**
- **REVITALIZATION OF CONNECTION WITH NCMTA**

Future VLMTA Guest Presenters (2023-24)

- Dylan Savage
- Karen Thickstun
- Doug Jurs
- Karen Knight
- E. L. Lancaster
- Cathy Kreplin
- Ryan Greene



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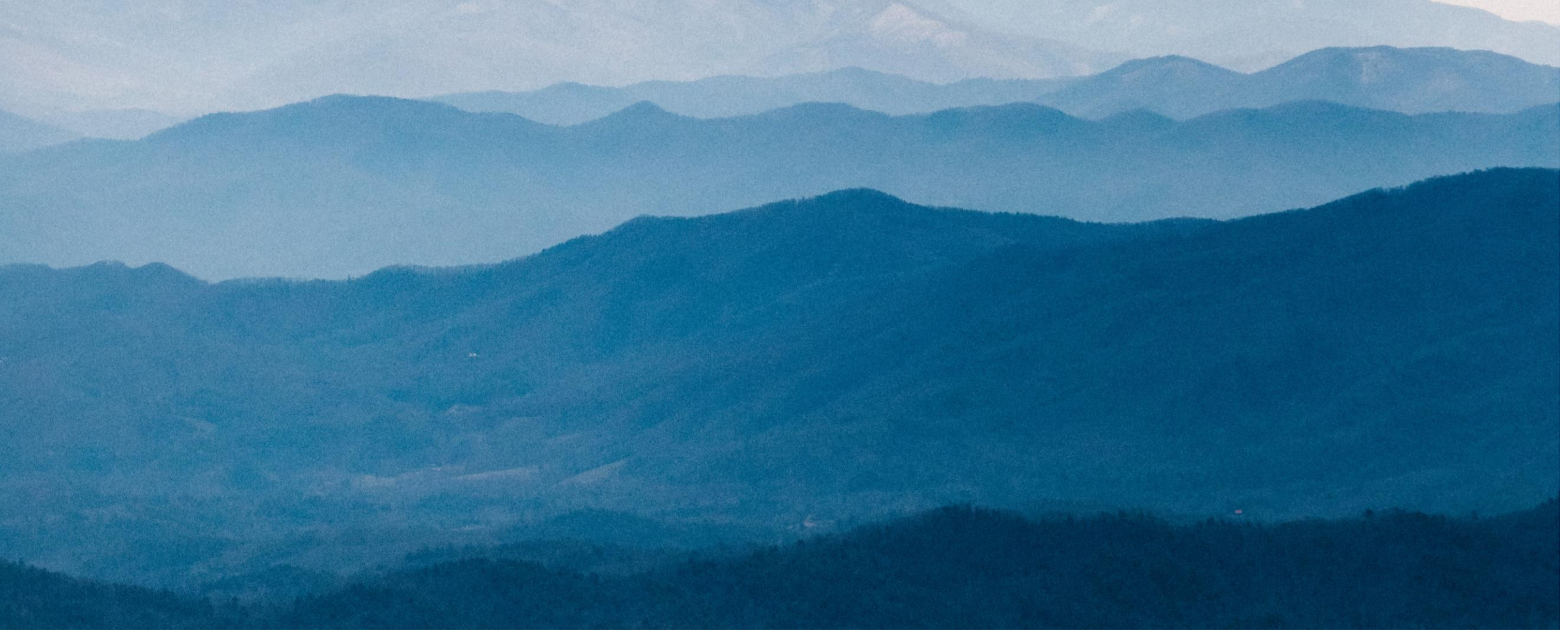
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**“I first heard of VLMTA at the 2022 NC conference last fall and was excited to join!
I have so many friends and colleagues in NC which makes it fun to stay connected,
but I am also not in an area right now with an active music teachers association,
so this is very helpful.”**

Elizabeth Davis, Savannah, GA, formerly NC