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The IAML-US has begun the process of merging with the Music Library Association, the primary music library organization in the US. In March, the two presidents (Judy Tsou for IAML-US and Ruthann McTyre for MLA) held a Town Hall meeting during the MLA conference in San Diego to present the idea to the membership of both organizations. The audience response was overwhelmingly positive for the merging of the two organizations and for having a formal affiliation with IAML. Since then, a Task Force of six people from the two Boards has been formed to explore and work out the details of such a merger, including consulting with attorneys regarding the legality of such a union. The Task Force will have a report for the Boards by September. IAML-US members will officially vote on the merger in December and MLA members will vote for the affiliation with IAML in February 2011. The merger will probably be finalized by the end of 2011.

On the Donated Music Program front, several music librarians in the US have been working on sending a collection of orchestral parts to the Holy Trinity Music School in Haiti. IAML has generously supported the shipping cost within the US for a combined shipment to Haiti; the overseas shipping cost has been funded by a church in Maryland.

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