

THE FINAL CUTOFF

The final cutoff is the gesture you make during the last beat of a hymn and tells the singers when to stop singing.

To prepare for the cutoff, stop the beat pattern at the last syllable of the text, whether it comes at the beginning of the measure or in the middle. Hold your arm out from your body and a little to the right. Hold this position to the end of the last measure, raise your arm, and do the cutoff by making the gesture as illustrated.

