

Lehigh Valley Chapter

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Aram Basmadjian (2015)
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Deans Mixtures

Greetings, Organists, and Friends,

Since I am passing along the LVAGO Deanship to my distinguished colleague, Michael Krentz, this will probably be my last time to write this article, and I promise this one will be short and to the point.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being Dean for the past year, and am very grateful to have had the opportunity to share thoughts, meet regularly with friends and colleagues, and talk about what we can do to help people in the many and varied situations that we represent – some very comfortable in their positions, and others in downright despair and disrepair. As I have said many times, for those doing well and feeling good about where you are, be grateful and give thanks, every day. For those who feel the pressure and challenge of discontent, prepare yourself for an inevitable change, reach out and ask for help, try to remain calm and peaceful, and ask God for guidance, every day.

In an effort to keep the LVAGO the thriving organization that it is, and the supporting and caring entity that it can be, we will continue to trust that YOU will do your part. Try to be involved, even in a seemingly insignificant way. Time is tight for everyone, but help, education, and

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September Meeting

Members' Recital

Details will appear in the
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Dean's Mixtures

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support is needed by everyone as well. Make time to attend a meeting or two. Make time to mend a relationship. Make time to greet a stranger. Make time to learn a new piece. Make time to text a friend and share a new discovery. Get the picture?

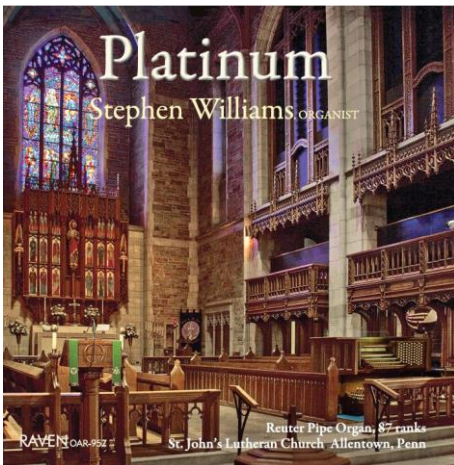
Best wishes to the new board and executive committee. They are already making new and great plans to help YOU grow next season. Please do your part.

Now, if I can just figure out this ONCARD thing (you'll hear something soon, promise.) See June TAO pp. 44-47.

Are you going to Boston? Looks GREAT!

All best, Stephen

New CD by Stephen Williams Released



The new CD *Platinum* has just been released and is available for purchase. This recording was made last September at St. John's Lutheran Church downtown Allentown by organist Stephen Williams in honor of the 20th anniversary of the rebuilding of the organ at St. John's. It will soon be available by ordering from the RAVEN website www.ravencd.com or you can order it now by emailing Stephen at stjohnsmusic@rcn.com, or you can stop by the church office (M-F, 9-2) and purchase them there. Each CD is \$15. Many thanks!

May Meeting Report

On Sunday, May 18 the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists met at Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA for the annual student recital, banquet and membership meeting. Sally Reeser is the host musician for the church. The recital was presented by the brilliant young organist, **Tyler**



Canonico, a student of Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman and a recent graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA. The organ is a three manual digital instrument built by Walker Technical Company of Zionsville, PA. Mr. Canonico's ambitious program included works by J. S. Bach, Mozart, Messiaen, Vierne and Utterback. Dr. Utterback has dedicated, "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" to Mr. Canonico which was an energetic feature in the concert program.

Following the dinner, the annual chapter meeting included the presentation, election and installation of the new slate of officers for next season. Retiring Dean, Stephen Williams presided at the meeting. The officers for the next season include: Michael Krentz, Dean; Andrew Long, Sub-Dean; Eleanor Focht, Secretary; Stephen Bueker, Treasurer and new members of the Executive Committee Thomas Busted and Mathew Wary. Aram Basmadjian will continue on the Executive Committee fulfilling an unexpired term. Michael Kuhnert will be retiring from the Executive Committee. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the Nominating Committee, Janice Butz, Maria Prochnau and Elizabeth Ann Vaughn. – Gloria Snyder



Positions Available

Organist/ Choir Director(1)

Church: St. John United Church of Christ, Box 236, Rigelsville, PA 18077, 610-249-2551

Members: 190

Deadline: June 15, 2014

Position fill date: July 1, 2014

Contact: Rev. Jeffrey A. Wargo, 610-749-2567

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir (8)

Total hours per week: 5

Instruments: 2 manual Allen, pump organ, piano

Music budget: \$500

Salary: \$7287

Weeks vacation: 1

Organist (1)

Church: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Main St., Doylestown, PA 18901, 215-348-4000

Members: 1500

Deadline: May 15, 2014

Position fill date: June 15, 2014

Contact: Kathleen Ebling Shaw, 214-348-4004, kshaw@doylestownlutheran.org

Weekly services: 2-3

Ensembles: Kantorei, Youth Choir, Adult Bells, Youth Bells, Brass Ensemble 2 Children's choirs, Quartet

Ensemble responsibility: none

Total hours per week: 10

Instruments: Zimmer II/29

Music budget: \$5000

Salary: \$15,000 - \$20,000

Weeks vacation: 1

Director of Music (1)

Church: Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 535 W. Emaus Ave, Allentown, PA 18103

Members: 916

Average attendance: 120

Contact: Rev. Carey Miller 610-797-4774, tmlcadmn@gmail.com

Application deadline: None

Position fill date: ASAP

Weekly services: 2

Ensembles: Adult(12-15), Bell Choir(12-16), Chime Choir(10-14), Sunday School Choir, Women's Choir

Total hours per week: 15

Instruments: Rogers 950 3 manual, Williams Symphony digital piano

Music budget: \$300

Salary: \$16,000 --\$17,500

Weeks vacation: 2

Professional Allowance: \$100

June/July Concerts

June 8 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; Dedication Recital; Hector Olivera, organ; Bethany United Church of Christ, Ephrata

July 13 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; Song Fest: Sacred Sing-Along; Gospel, traditional, country, contemporary; East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, East Stroudsburg



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