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American Guild of Organists

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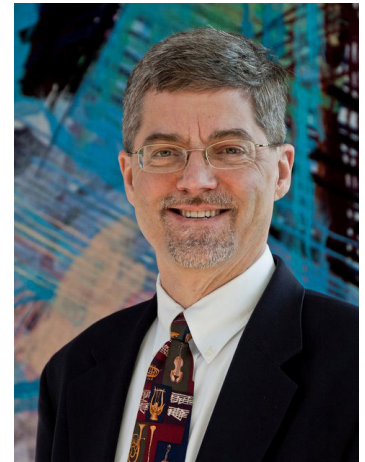
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Deans' Mixtures

We have just finished our 2014 – 2015 program year, with a delightful May program. The recital by Gregory Zelek was simply superb and the banquet catered by Social Tea Catering was delicious.

Many of us are also winding down at church and looking forward to some time for rest and refreshment in the summer.

It is, therefore, a good time to say thank you to some very deserving people.



First, a big thank you to our LVAGO officers and Executive Board members, who served on behalf of all of us. They have guided our programs this past year, managed our money, provided fellowship and hospitality — and those who finished terms are all willing to serve another term! So thank you!

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September Meeting

Saturday, September 19, 10am

Member's Recital and Brunch

Cathedral Church of the Nativity
Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, PA

Dean's Mixtures

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Second, another big thank you to the places that hosted our programs this year: The Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Allen Organ Co.; St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown; Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown; Muhlenberg College (Egner Chapel); and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg. Next year we will be visiting some of these locations again, and going to some places where we have not been for quite some time.

Finally, thanks be to God for all of you — colleagues, friends, students, teachers, organists, choir directors, active, retired. We are a diverse group, with many gifts. So for each of you, thanks be to God!

Michael Krentz
Dean

May Meeting Report

On Sunday, May 24, St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg was the gathering place for the annual Young Artist Recital, Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting of the Lehigh Valley Chapter. The concert was presented by the brilliant young organist, , a graduate student of Paul



Jacobs at the Juilliard School. Gregory first visited the Lehigh Valley several years ago as a high school senior and participant in the POE sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Chapter. It was particularly exciting to welcome Gregory again as an amazingly accomplished concert artist. Greg is a proud recipient of the Kovner Fellowship at the Juilliard School as well as numerous other awards. He has given many solo recitals throughout the United States and has appeared with orchestras at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall and other venues and with conductors including Semyon Bychkov and Michael Tilson Thomas. His energetic program — played without using music — included works by J. S. Bach, Liszt, John Weaver, Mozart,

Karg-Elert and Demessieux, concluding with an original composition. The organ at St. Mark's is Opus 36, II/28 built by Patrick J. Murphy.

Following the concert and the dinner, the annual meeting included the presentation, election and installation of the new officers for the next season. Presiding at the meeting was Michael Krentz, Dean who will continue to serve for another term. Other officers include: Andrew Long, Sub-Dean, Eleanor Focht, Secretary and Stephen Bueker, Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of Gail Hanzl, Judith Love, Thomas Busted, Matthew Wary, Aram Basmadjian and Gloria Snyder. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the Nominating Committee: Marisa Deshler, Gail Hanzl and Gwyneth Michel.

Gloria Snyder

June Concerts

June 3 (Wednesday) 12:10 pm; **Stephen Williams, organ**; Basic'lly Bach: Mostly Bach, mostly lunchtime delights; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Freewill donation

June 6 (Saturday) 7:30 pm; **Christopher Houlihan, organ**; St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg; Free will offering

June 14 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Variety of Styles** with Joe Dorsch, saxophone; East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church; Free, reception following

June 23 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm; **Coro Entrevoques**; Internationally award winning choir from Cuba sings music from Palestrina to the 20th Century; Cathedral Church of the Nativity; \$10 donation



2015 – 2016 Projected Programming

Saturday, September 19 10:00 am

Members' Recital & Brunch

Members and friends of the LV AGO present a recital especially featuring the organ + soloist(s).

Cathedral Church of the Nativity
Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, PA

Saturday, November 21 9:00 am

Theological and Practical Hymn Playing with Karl Moyer

Karl Moyer returns to discuss more thoughts and practices and hymn playing for the church musician. This program pairs with the session from February 2015, but also stands alone.

Christ Lutheran Church
13th & Hamilton Streets
Allentown, PA

Sunday, January 3 4:00 pm

Holiday Party & Season Recovery

Mike and Linda Krentz will host a post-Christmas social for colleagues and their spouses as we regroup for the New Year!

Bethlehem, PA

Saturday, January 16 8:00 am

January Jumpstart

The Philadelphia Chapter's annual day-long event of workshops and programs to enrich the life of the organist or church musician.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Sunday, February 21 2:00 pm

Moravian College Student Recital

Organ students of Moravian College, studying with Rebecca Kleintop-Owens present a recital.

Central Moravian Church
West Church Street
Bethlehem, PA

Sunday, March 13 3:00 pm

Marathon Recital - Bach Plus

Members and guests of the LV Chapter present not only the works of Bach, but works and composers that shaped his life and compositions. Supporters welcome to come and go 3:00 - 7:00 pm!

Egner Memorial Chapel, Muhlenberg College
Chew Street
Allentown, PA

Sunday, May 29 4:00 pm

Annual Banquet and Meeting Young Artists Recital

Performer to be announced.

First Presbyterian Church
3231 Tilghman St
Allentown, PA

2015-2016 Unconfirmed Programs

October 2015

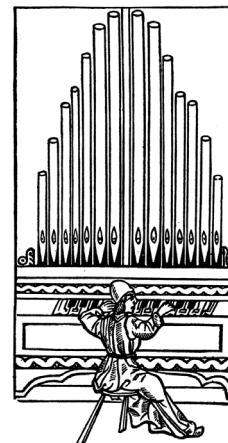
Halloween Recital/Event
Allentown, PA

April 2016

Choral Workshop
with Michael Kemp

Stay tuned for a complete updated list in our next issue! The unconfirmed dates are currently waiting for time or location confirmation.

Drew Long
Sub Dean



Positions Available

Director of Music Ministries/Organist (1)

Church: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
30 Liberty Street, Shillington, PA 19607

Website: <http://www.graceshill.org>

Contact: Search Committee, 610-777-7885,
music@graceshill.org

Weekly services: 2 (3 during Lent, 5 during Holy Week)

Ensembles: Senior Choir (adults) — 20; Cherub Choir (pre-school) — 7; Senior Bell Choir (Pearly of Grace) — 11; Junior Bell Choir (Bells of Glory) — 9 (Junior Choir (elem.) and Chapel Choir (MS/HS) are not currently rehearsing)

Instruments: Allen/Moeller, 32 ranks

Music budget: \$4,500

Weekly attendance: 174

Position fill date: August 2015

Deadline: June 18, 2015

Total hours per week: 35

Salary: \$35,000 (commensurate with education and experience)

Weeks vacation: 3 — vacation, 1 — continuing education

Benefits: Secretarial assistance, continuing ed

Notes: Position may be split

Music Director (1)

Church: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,
1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109,
(610) 865-3603

Website: <http://standrewsbethlehem.org/>

Contact: The Rev. T. Scott Allen, Rector,
610-691-8303, gambaguy@gmail.com

Weekly services: 1, plus feast days

Ensembles: Adult Choir — 5

Instruments: 2 manual Allen, Yamaha keyboard,
Weber piano

Music budget: \$1,000

Weekly attendance: 73

Position fill date: July 2015

Deadline: June 30, 2015

Total hours per week: 10

Salary: \$13,000

Weeks vacation: 2

Benefits: Book/music allowance, continuing ed,
AGO membership

Notes: The ideal candidate will have a background

in both traditional and contemporary organ music, experience in choir direction and an understanding of the importance of music ministry as an integral part of worship and outreach to the congregation and community.

Director of Music Ministries/Organist (1)

Church: Salem-St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church,
P.O. Box 168, Kresgeville, PA 18333, 610-681-519

Website: <http://www.ssplckresgeville.org/>

Contact: Pastor Deborah Scheffey, scheffey@ptd.net,
570-236-6152

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir — 15

Instruments: 2 manual electronic

Music budget: \$250

Weekly attendance: 80

Position fill date: August 15, 2015

Deadline: July 31, 2015

Total hours per week: 8

Salary: \$7,500 – \$8,000

Weeks vacation: 2

Benefits: None



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Newsletter Deadline

August/September Thursday, July 23, 2015