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DEAN'S LETTER

The Year of the Young Organist

New initiatives come and go. Some great. Some not so great. In March, a new initiative was announced by AGO national headquarters that I am absolutely thrilled about! *THE YEAR OF THE YOUNG ORGANIST* will run from July 1, 2021 – June 20, 2022. During these 12 months, any individual under the age of 30 can become a new member or renew her/his membership for free! As we anticipate the start of this special program, let's all be thinking of young people who we can invite to join our Chapter.

Voting for our annual officer elections closed on May 1, but the results will be announced at our annual banquet and business meeting on Monday, May 10. I'd encourage all of you to attend that evening for a lovely meal, the business meeting which includes the announcement of our 21-22 program year line-up, and an organ recital from our five scholarship recipients from 2020. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the banquet this year, but the evening will be led by our very capable Sub-dean, Greg Gehman.

Since the release of our "Widor Toccata, 16 Organists, 13 Organs" YouTube video last month, it has gained the attention of the AGO national headquarters. I'm excited to see this project get more views. Who knows, maybe it could even go viral! In case you missed it, you can enjoy the video [HERE](#).

Finally, if you are looking for more excellent YouTube videos about the organ, be sure to check out those produced by the Organ Media Foundation found [HERE](#) on YouTube.

Soli Deo gloria,
Frank Dodd, *Dean*

2020-2021 LANCASTER CHAPTER AGO MEETINGS

Our programming year is quickly coming to an end. Thank you for your patience with us (Programming Committee) as we worked our way through it - not always easy at times. Please note the following two events bringing our year to a close.



Annual Banquet and Meeting - Monday, May 10, 6:00 PM

If you have registered for our Annual Banquet and Meeting, we are looking forward to seeing you at the **Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster** on **Monday, May 10 at 5:30** when the doors open. The Banquet will begin at 6:00, Business meeting and election results at 7:15, and program (scholarship winners) at 7:45. If you haven't registered, you are welcome to join us about 7:15 for the meeting and program. Hope to see you there!

Lancaster Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital - Thursday, June 10, 7:00 PM at **Grace Lutheran Church, 517 North Queen Street, Lancaster**. There are questions still to be answered whether we can meet in-person or must live-stream. We will send you an email blast once this is determined and finalized. In the meantime, do mark it on your calendar.

Note: When we have plans that are in-person, we ask that you follow what you feel is right and safe for you. We would love for you to attend as we will follow CDC guidelines, but if you do choose not to attend, we do understand and look forward to seeing you in the future.



~ Greg Gehman, Sub-dean, Program Committee chair

Commentary on the Music for the Royal Funeral:

Click [here](#) to go to John Rutter's article *Did they mention the music?*. Interesting commentary on the sequence of pieces and their relationship.

MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER SUBSTITUTES LIST

Please check www.lancasterago.org for the current list.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please check www.lancasterago.org for the current list.

If you wish to list available positions here, please email your info to Dr. Terry Heisey (terryleb@aol.com).

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Highlights from the April Board Meeting:

1. Made final corrections to Operating Procedures in preparation for presentation to membership.
2. Accepted Program Calendar for 21-22.
3. Plans to speak with Lancaster County Community Foundation about finance options, endowments, etc.
4. Set final plans for annual banquet, membership meeting.

-Submitted by Jenny Fritsch

May 15 is the deadline for all Beginning Organist Scholarship and all Lunt-McConnell scholarship applications. Auditions are planned for Saturday, May 22. Full details can be found [HERE](#) on the scholarships page of our Chapter Website. Direct any questions to Murray Foreman, the chair of this year's scholarship committee. You can reach Murray at murray.gracelutheranchurch@gmail.com.

Auditions for AGO Lancaster chapter scholarships (Beginning Organist Scholarship and the Lunt-McConnell Scholarship) will be held on Saturday, May 22, at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Avenue. Specific details on time and possible alternative days/times will be available to applicants once they have submitted an application. We would like to complete auditions on the morning of May 22, likely beginning at 9:00 am, if that is possible for applicants.

Treasurer's Report **Balances as of 4/12/2021**

Bank Accounts

Checking (General)	16,675.16
Beginning Organist	3,001.60
Lunt/McConnell	2,923.11
Concert Savings	12,031.54
Checking/Donations	118.76
Total Accounts	\$34,750.17

Submitted by Patricia Bleecker, Treas.



Westminster Music

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA
www.westpca.com/concerts

HARMONIES *Aloft*

Saturday, May 1, 2021

7 PM

A concert of keyboard duets, trios, and quartets played from the choir loft of Westminster Presbyterian Church and showcasing a newly acquired Steinway grand piano. Performers include musicians from Westminster along with a few new friends.

ATTEND

Please join us for this performance in-person or by streaming online on our website.

REGISTER

If you intend to join us in person, please pre-register on our website.

GIVE

Please support our concert series. Give online on our website.

Westminster Concert Series website: www.westpca.com/concerts

Public Invited Free Will Offering
Frank Dodd, Director of Music & Organist

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2020-2021 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

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Program Committee	Greg Gehman, <i>chair</i> (`21); Margaret Marsch (`22), John Huber (`20), Ross Ellison (`21),
Scholarship Committee	Murray Foreman (`21), David Schulz (`22) Peter Brown (`23)
Nominating Committee	Pat Bleecker, <i>chair</i> ; Eileen Laurence, Bob Kettering (positions to fill: Dean, Sub Dean, 2 Members-at-Large, 2 Auditors)