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The Dean's Corner

Vernon Mouw, Chapter Dean

The New Year got off to a wonderful start for the Long Beach AGO chapter with a very special evening of music at the First Friends Church in Whittier. Director of music and organist at the Church, Russ Litchfield, gathered his choir for the Tuesday evening program demonstrating the types of music as well as the style of worship in the Friends tradition. Russ went to a tremendous amount of work to put this all together and the audience appreciated it. It was good to see several members who are not always at the Guild programs. Remember these events are for you.

Coming up you are being invited and encouraged to attend the annual President's Day Organ Festival organized by the LAAGO on February 18. Four churches in Palos Verdes and Redondo Beach and their organs will be visited beginning at St Francis Episcopal in Palos Verdes at 9 AM and moving from church to church during the day. Eight performers will demonstrate the various instruments. It is an excellent way to experience these venues, hear exciting organists, and renew friendships. All the information you need it on the LAAGO website. Check it out. Except for the lunch (reservations needed) everything is free.

March's meeting, "Getting Ready for Easter," with Robert York at Bay Shore church is on the 12th at 8 PM with a dinner at 6:30. One last meeting of the season is the Guild service and Installation on May 19 in Palos Verdes, St. Francis Episcopal at 4 PM. Note the date correction from the original schedule.

Vern Mouw, Dean

This Month's Meeting

The Long Beach Chapter will not have a meeting in February. Since many of our members regularly attend the Los Angeles Chapter **President's Day Organ Festival**, it was thought that we should encourage our members to attend the Festival, since the location is nearby this year. If you have not attended a President's Day event please consider spending Monday, February 18th in the South Bay, visiting some fine organs played by some fine organists. Visit <https://www.laorganfestival.com> for more detailed information.

ERROR and DATE CHANGE!

Our **May Guild Service Meeting** will take place **Sunday, May 19th at 4 pm** at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Please correct your calendars. We're not sure why the wrong date (May 5) was published. Jean Cobb, Hyunju Hwang, and the St. Francis Choir will lead us in worship and our Officers will be installed for the next year. The Reuter organ has had extensive work by Sean O'Neal and it should be inspiring to hear.

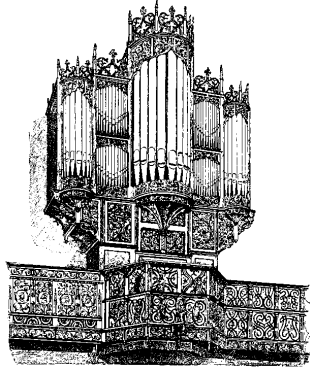
Upcoming Events

Our March meeting, *Getting Ready for Easter*, will take place Tuesday, March 12th at 8 pm at Bay Shore Community Church. Robert York is our host. Dinner will precede the program at 6:30 pm. Bring your organ shoes and a piece you are working on for Easter to play and get some constructive feedback.

Althea Waites will perform a faculty Piano recital on May 18 at Covenant Presbyterian in Long Beach. This recital is sponsored by CSULB and Covenant church. More information will follow.

Opportunity to serve

The nominating committee will soon be considering the roster of candidates for next season. If you would be willing to join the board please let Vern Mouw or Robert York know. We want to include all interested persons.



President's Day Organ Festival

The details are out, and online at <https://laorganfestival.com>

The event begins at 9:00 AM, at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 2200 Via Rosa,

Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90275. Thomas Joyce performs at 9:30 AM, and Hyunju Hwang at 10:05 AM.

Then, it's on to The Neighborhood Church, UCC, 415 Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. There will be a lecture by Manuel Rosales at 10:55, and a performance by Adam Brakel at 11:20.

Lunch will be at 12:10, at Resurrection Lutheran, 330 Palos Verdes Blvd, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. Adam Ferrara performs at 1:10 PM, followed by Philip Hoch, at 1:40 PM.

The final venue is St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 302 Avenue D, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. James Hurd performs at 2:30 PM, followed by Melody Jan at 3:00 PM, and a reception at 3:25 PM.

Reed Organ Available

Via Fran Johnston:

This is a reed Organ from Carpenter, Scott and Wise (which later became Western Cottage Organ Company) in Mendota Ill. Probably made between 1870-1900. Playable condition, although a couple reeds may be incorrectly placed and some of the registers may be a bit out, not sure though I haven't played it in years. It's currently in my parents house in Downey. At this point I just want to find a home for it, so if someone is interested and can move it, it's theirs!!!

Contact Alan Mautner (amautcello@aol.com) or (714) 293-1623.

From the District Convener:

Hello Long Beach AGO Friends,

As many of you know, the Long Beach Chapter has been my home Chapter for over 40 years. Some of you have been members of this Chapter even longer. I wanted to write you and encourage every member to participate in the AGO West 2019 Convention, which is being hosted by the Orange County Chapter. I am a member of the Steering Committee, which is being chaired by our friend, former Bay Shore organist, Alicia Adams.

There are many concerts and workshops of interest, but I wanted to bring just a few to your attention. The Convention is coming to Long Beach twice. There will be a concert at Covenant featuring three organists: Cherry Rhodes, James Walker and Weicheng Zhou. They will be playing duets as well as two transcriptions for six hands and six feet. This promises to be an exciting and unusual program that you will want to see. There is also a concert set at Los Altos Methodist Church on the historic Wm. B. D. Simmonds organ played by Carole Terry.

The Convention opens on Sunday, June 30 with registration at the Hotel Irvine and a festive opening service at St. John's Church in Orange and ends on July 3 with a gala concert by Paul Jacobs at Segerstrom Concert Hall.

In addition, the National Council of the AGO will be awarding its first ever honorary FAGO Certificate to our friend and colleague, Dr. Frederick Swann in recognition of his many decades of service to and support of the AGO.

Finally, Long Beach Sub-Dean Robert York will be entertaining with theatre organ stylings and improvisations during some specific times in the Pavilion at the Hotel Irvine; and I will be presenting a workshop on the subject of playing hymns there as well.

Please go to the Convention website: <http://www.agowest2019.com> to see more of the happenings at the Convention and while you're there, register to participate!

Collegially yours,

Peter Bates

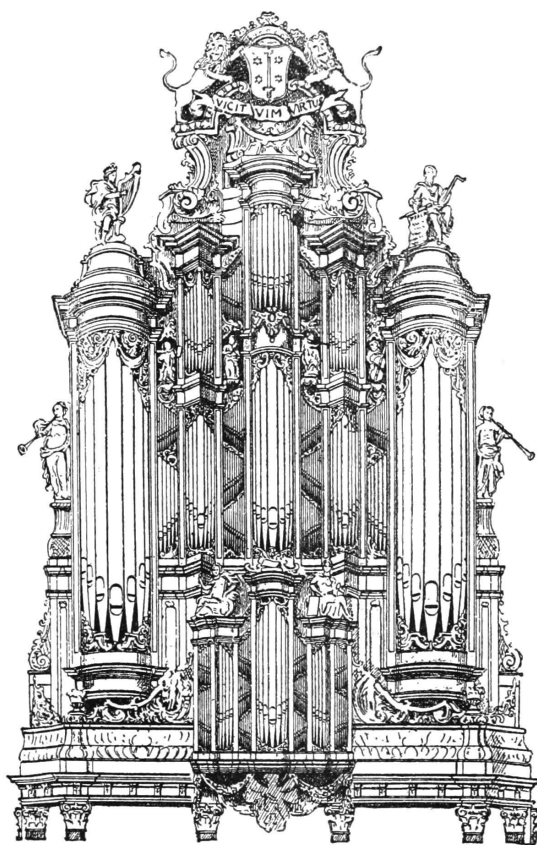
Southern California District Convener

Position Available

The historic Neighborhood Church of Palos Verdes Estates, California (a United Church of Christ Congregation) is seeking an organist/accompanist. This 3/8 + position offers an opportunity to join a small worship team that aims to sustain the church's cherished and longstanding excellence in the tradition of sacred music supported by the Covenant Choir and the church's Glatter-Götz/Rosales tracker organ, and at the same time embraces other traditions as the congregation moves toward a wider range in its worship celebrations. In addition to a regular and active worship schedule the church is host to many wedding ceremonies and memorial services.

A masters degree in music and demonstrated proficiency is desired. Provides music for Sunday Worship and extra services at Christmas, Easter and All Saints, including choir accompaniment. Annual salary: \$23,000 - 30,000 negotiable based on education and experience. Opportunities for weddings and memorial services.

For More Detailed Information or to Apply: Please contact David Sateren, Director of Music Ministries, (david@neighborhoodchurchpve.org) to receive instructions for applications. The position will be open March 1. Applications and supporting materials should be received by February 5, 2019.



From the Editor, Russ Litchfield

Question of the Month and Russ' Resources and Repertoire are on hiatus this month.

Thank you to all the members who attended the Hymn Service in Whittier. We enjoyed having you present and able to sing and worship with us. Please send materials for the March Principal to me by February 15th. Thanks and best wishes.

From the Press Room

James H. H. Lampert, Typesetting, Printing and Circulation

(Any opinions expressed in this column are strictly those of the author.)

I echo Vern's opinion of the January Spirit, Sound and Silence hymn service. It was thoroughly enjoyable, both from a standpoint of the music, and as an opportunity to get a taste of how another denomination worship. Was it just me, or did the façade, with its flamed copper and oblique angles, remind others, just a little bit, of the Seattle Flentrop?

The drive out to Whittier, from my office in Costa Mesa, was a reminder of why I take Metro to Disney Hall and the Bowl: a real white-knuckle drive. But it was worth it. By the time it was over, all the stress of work, and of rush-hour traffic on unfamiliar stretches of freeway, had melted away.

The news from The Neighborhood Church, UCC took me by surprise, when I first heard about it. If only I had the background and "chops" for the position . . . (in my dreams!).

Included in this issue is yet another "Instant Flyer." If you have an event that's of interest to the Chapter, you can have one, too, free of charge. All you have to do is ask, sometime before the press deadline.

This month's Tri-Chapter Calendar brought me a slightly larger headache than usual: somehow, one of the translation stages scrambled the hours on all of the starting and ending times, so I had to hand-correct them. So you might want to double-check any events that are of interest.

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