



# The Principal

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## The Dean's Corner

*Vernon Mouw, Chapter Dean*

It seems like we've hardly finished our Christmas Celebrations and we are already past Ash Wednesday and into Lent. Those of us involved with the church in

a musical capacity are probably wondering where the time has gone. How do we find some sense of fulfillment and inspiration when we are zipping along at break-neck speeds? I truly hope you can find some sort of well-being and encouragement with what you are doing.

Within the last 2 days (Feb 18/19), I and several others from the LBAGO, have experienced five organ programs. Sunday afternoon was a very fine reading which Randall Harlow gave at the 1st Congregational church in Long Beach of Franz Liszt's Transcendental Etudes, a piano work which he arranged for organ. It was truly a masterful performance. As some of you know, Randall is from Long Beach and was a member of LBAGO for a time. David York was his first organ teacher.

Monday, several of us were privileged to participate in the annual LAAGO President's Day organ tour, this year in Claremont, visiting two churches and two organs installed at Pomona College. The churches, Claremont Presbyterian and Claremont UCC Congregational, have organs by Aeolian-Skinner and Glatter-Götz. The college organs are by Rudolf von Beckerath and C.B Fisk; They are all very fine organs and were played by seven noted organists. What an opportunity this was. Next Year's LAAGO organ tour is scheduled for February 18, 2019, in Palos Verdes and Redondo Beach. Make a note of this on next year's calendar and try to attend. If you love organs, you will not be disappointed. Except for a \$10.00 lunch, if you choose, all the events are free.



Our next chapter event is a workshop on SERVICE PLAYING, featuring James Walker at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 370 Junipero in Long Beach. Hope to see you there.

Vern Mouw, Dean

## This Month's Meeting

James Walker will present a workshop on Service Playing Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 8 pm, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 370 Junipero Ave., Long Beach. He will focus on hymn playing, anthem accompaniment, and conducting from the organ console. Mr. Walker has had a distinguished career as organist and director of music at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California. After 26 years, James has ended his service at All Saints in order to pursue other opportunities as a freelance musician. We look forward to receiving some of the wisdom that he has gathered about leading worship. Bring an open mind and your questions to what will be a stimulating event.



A nationally-recognized conductor and concert organist, James Walker entertains and enlightens audiences throughout the United States, and his solo recitals are broadcast on National Public Radio. Winner of the prestigious Mader National Organ-Playing Competition in 1986, he is a featured soloist at Bach festivals and regional and national music conventions.

James served as College Organist and Instructor of Organ at Occidental College from 1981 to 2004. He was named Honorary Canon by the Diocese of Los Angeles in 2015 and was winner of the Mader National Organ-Playing Competition in 1986. He holds Undergraduate and Master of Music degrees from USC. His organ study was with Marcia Hannah Farmer, Ladd Thomas and Cherry Rhodes. Pay a visit to Mr. Walker's web site to find out more about him.

<http://www.jameswalkermusic.com>

A dinner will precede the workshop at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Elaine Elliott, [bobelaine@bobelaine.com](mailto:bobelaine@bobelaine.com) to reserve your place by Thursday, March 8th.

## Looking Ahead

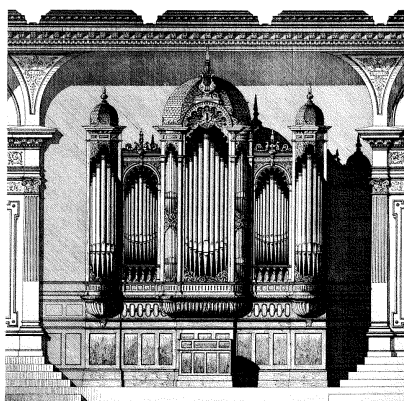
### Pieces that Sound Difficult but Aren't!

At 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2018, members of the Long Beach Chapter will present musical selections that sound difficult, but in fact, are relatively easy to play. This program follows the completion of the project to rebuild the console at Trinity Lutheran Church, which will be celebrated on Easter Day, April 1st. Come support your fellow members and get some ideas for new repertoire you can use in your own situations. A dinner will proceed the concert at 6:30. Look for more details in the next issue of the Principal. Trinity Lutheran Church, 759 Linden Ave., Long Beach

### Requiem for the Living

A reminder, the choirs of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach; Peter Bates director, and Lutheran Church of the Master, Los Angeles; David York director, will combine to present Dan Forest's Requiem for the Living at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 607 E. Third Street, Long Beach, on Saturday, May 26th at 3:00 p.m. Our former member, Beverly Hansen, who passed away on September 25th, requested this performance as her memorial. You will honor her with your attendance.

The board has decided to provide a reception after the performance in the church's Fireside Room. Any of you who might be interested in assisting with this reception, please contact either Vern Mouw or Phyllis Goodwin.



## From our Registrar, Dolly Ickler

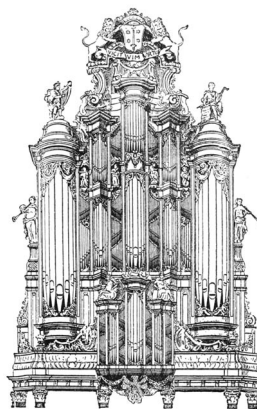
### New Members

Please say hello to three new members of our chapter when you have a chance. They are Eva Ruiz, Dr. Susan Mackensen, and James Petri. Welcome to our chapter community!

## Question of the Month

Our monthly question of the month is meant to stimulate conversation around the dinner table at our meetings and between colleagues at other times. Please use it to start a discussion with someone you don't know.

Do you make any alterations to the way you use the organ during the season of Lent, such as eschewing reeds and mixtures or omitting postludes? How do you mark the arrival of Easter in a special way?



## LBAGO Upcoming Events

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Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – 8:00 PM

*James Walker, WORKSHOP ON SERVICE PLAYING*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
370 Junipero Ave., Long Beach  
*Catered dinner at 6:30 PM*

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Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – 8:00 PM

*Pieces that Sound Difficult, but Aren't!*

Trinity Lutheran Church  
759 Linden Ave., Long Beach  
*Catered dinner at 6:30 PM*

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Sunday, May 6, 2018 – 4:00 PM

*Guild Service and Installation of Officers*

Torrance First United Methodist Church  
1551 El Prado, Torrance

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Saturday, May 26, 2018 – 3:00 PM

*Requiem for the Living*

in memory of Beverly Hansen  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
607 E. Third Street, Long Beach

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Events with Catered Dinners:

*Cost for Dinner will be \$15. Please contact Elaine Elliot, [bobelaine@bobelaine.com](mailto:bobelaine@bobelaine.com), for reservations.*

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# Southern California AGO Tri-Chapter Calendar

**Fri Mar 9, 2018**

**8pm Spring Concert: Music of Duruflé and Fauré**

Where: All Saints Episcopal Church 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210,  
All Saints' Choir & Chamber Orchestra present Duruflé's Requiem, and music of Fauré, including the Messe Basse. Craig Phillips, conductor; Jason Klein-Mendoza, organist. [ww.allsaintsbh.org](http://ww.allsaintsbh.org). Suggested donation \$25; students/seniors \$15

**Sun Mar 11, 2018**

**4:30pm Solemn Evensong at St. James**

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010  
Choir of St. James', James Buonemani. Free.

**6pm Adam Pajan, organist**

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010  
University of Oklahoma organist, in recital. Free.

**7pm David Cherwien Hymn Festival**

Where: California Lutheran University - Samuelson Chapel, Thousand Oaks

As part of the 2017-2018 Orvil and Gloria Franzen Organ Recital Series and in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, David Cherwien leads an interactive hymn sing festival.

Cherwien is artistic director of the National Lutheran Choir. A nationally known conductor, composer and organist, he is recognized for his contributions to the field of church music and liturgy and is in demand across the country as a clinician and hymn festival leader. He is a founding member and former national president of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Free.

**Sun Mar 25, 2018**

**3pm Paul Jacobs, Organist**

Where: Bridges Hall of Music 150 E 4th St, Claremont, CA 91711

Free Admission, no tickets. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the concert.

<https://www.pomona.edu/events/paul-jacobs-guest-organist>

The only organist ever to have won a Grammy award (for Messiaen's "Livre du Saint-Sacrement"), Paul Jacobs transfixed audiences, colleagues and critics alike with imaginative interpretations and charismatic stage presence. Hailed as "one of the major musicians of our time" by the New Yorkers Alex Ross, Mr. Jacobs draws from his deep knowledge of western music to enlighten listeners. His Pomona College performances features works by J.S. Bach and Franz Liszt.

**4pm John West, Organist [LA AGO]**

Where: Hollywood United Methodist Church 6817 Franklin Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90028

**Wed Apr 4, 2018**

**7:30pm Gala Concert: The Choir of Canterbury Cathedral**

Where: All Saints Episcopal Church 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

All Saints is honored to host the choir of Canterbury Cathedral. The Choir of Canterbury Cathedral sings at the daily services in the Cathedral, providing music which enchants and delights the many thousands of visitors and pilgrims from all over the world, as well as the regular congregation. As the seat of the Archbishop, the Cathedral has a unique role in the life of the Church worldwide. Canterbury Cathedral is also a World Heritage Site. [www.allsaintsbh.org](http://www.allsaintsbh.org). Preferred seating \$50; general seating \$25

**Sun Apr 8, 2018**

**4:30pm Solemn Evensong at St. James**

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

**6pm Michael Hey, organist**

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York in recital. Free.

**Sat Apr 14, 2018**

**5pm Tom Mueller, organist**

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church 759 Linden Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813

Trinity is proud to present a program by Tom Mueller in celebration of the recently rebuilt organ console. Free.

**Fri Apr 20, 2018**

**8pm De Angelis Vocal Ensemble - "Sacre France!"**

Where: Christ Cathedral, 13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Works by Duruflé, Peeters, Desenclos, and the music of Francis Poulenc. For tickets and information: [ChristCathedralMusic.org](http://ChristCathedralMusic.org)

**Sun Apr 22, 2018**

**4pm Cherry Rhodes, organist**

Where: Claremont United Church of Christ, 233 Harrison Ave, Claremont, CA 91711

A concert in celebration of the Glatzer-Götz/Rosales organ's 20th birthday. \$15 suggested donation; \$12 students/seniors. Dinner follows with guest speaker Ladd Thomas, \$35 suggested donation.

**7:30pm Compline at St. James**

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

## Southern California AGO Tri-Chapter Calendar

**Sun Apr 29, 2018**

***4pm Something New, Something Old, La Canada Congregational Church Choir Concert***

Where: La Canada Congregational Church 1200 Foothill Blvd, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011, United States

La Canada Congregational Church choir sings works by Christina Thomas, John Rutter, and Heinz Werner Zimmerman, and Vivaldi's "Gloria" in D major with orchestra. Dr. Harold Daugherty conducts. FWO.

**Sun May 6, 2018**

***5pm Choral Evensong for Eastertide***

Where: All Saints Episcopal Church 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

All Saints' Choir sings music of Walton, Leighton and Phillips. Craig Phillips, director; Jason Klein-Mendoza, organist. [www.allsaintsbh.org](http://www.allsaintsbh.org). FWO.

**Sat May 12, 2018**

***5pm Emil Illiev, organist***

Where: Glendale City Church, 610 E California Ave, Glendale, CA 91206  
Freewill donation at door

**Sun May 13, 2018**

***4:30pm Solemn Evensong at St. James***

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

***6pm Nambee Han, organist***

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Organist of Westwood Presbyterian, Los Angeles in recital. Free.

**Mon May 14, 2018**

***8pm Los Angeles Chapter Guild Service [LA AGO]***

Where: St. Francis De Sales Church, 13370 Valleyheart Dr, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

**Sat May 19, 2018**

***7pm Jackson Borges, organist***

Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1020 N Brand Blvd, Glendale, CA 91202

Jackson Borges, organist - plays a "spirited" program on the E. M. Skinner, Opus 774 to celebrate Pentecost. Reception follows. Free.

**Sun May 20, 2018**

***3:30pm St. James Australia Tour Preview Concert***

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Donation Requested.

***7:30pm Hector Olivera, organist***

Where: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Solo organ recital. Tickets start at \$15.

**Thu Jun 28, 2018 through Tue, Jul 3**

***American Theatre Organ Society National Convention***

Where: Pasadena, CA, United States

Please visit <http://www.atos2018.org/> for complete information.

**Mon Jul 2, 2018 through Fri, Jul 6**

***AGO National Convention***

Where: Kansas City, MO, United States

**Sat Nov 10, 2018**

***5pm Organist Kemp L Smeal***

Where: Glendale City Church, 610 E California Ave, Glendale, CA 91206

Freewill donation at door

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## Resources and Repertoire

Here is some seasonal music for your enjoyment and edification. Please send me material to include in this monthly column that speaks to you. Thanks,

Russ Litchfield, Editor.

### Wondrous Love

Here are some links to various performances of this hymn of the season. Which one speaks to you?

In an unknown church, sung by a large choir with orchestra.

[https://youtu.be/u\\_0AX50pgs0](https://youtu.be/u_0AX50pgs0)

Cathedral Choral Society at Washington Cathedral, sung in the shape note style.

<https://youtu.be/UDKi6jQ0hoY>

A choral arrangement by David Edmonds, sung by the choir of First Plymouth UCC, Lincoln, NE

<https://youtu.be/N7jT7hUDoKM>

First United Methodist Church, Marietta, singing together.

<https://youtu.be/yySd9gATN4w>

Hayes Barton United Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC. Can you hear the voices?

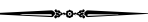
<https://youtu.be/NGxX7567Z5I>

Samuel Barber's arrangement, Variations on a Shape Note Hymn, played by David Ball at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Houston, TX. David is organist at Christ Cathedral in Orange.

<https://youtu.be/TDJcV9p46yE>

And another performance of the Barber by Joseph Arndt on a Von Beckerath organ.

<https://youtu.be/WlF8X1D6xQs>



### Psalm 51

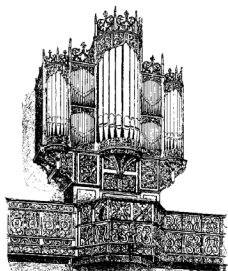
Have mercy on me. Here are two performances of Allegri's Miserere (Psalm 51) from Kings College in Cambridge. One is serious and the other is rather humorous.

<https://youtu.be/IX1zicNRLmY>

<https://youtu.be/ukDAfF0-8q8>

And finally, the classic rendition by the Tallis Scholars.

<https://youtu.be/YDOENZediM8>



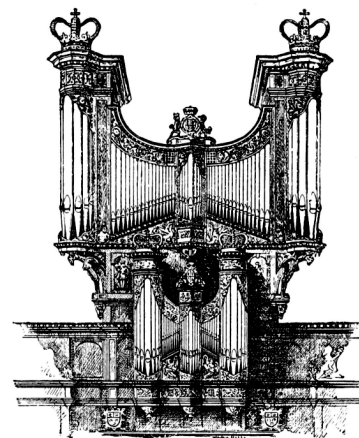
## From the Press Room

*James Lampert, Typesetter and Printer*

While I wasn't able to make it to the Presidents' Day event (my office barely slows down that day), I'm delighted that it went well, and that the Claremont UCC Rosales/Glatzer-Götz was not the only notable organ that participants got to hear. I'm also delighted that Dr. Harlow's recital went well (and that the programs I printed were well-received, and didn't go to waste). I saw more than a few familiar faces that afternoon at First Congregational, and was delighted to also see a few (including a few of the same faces) that evening at Disney Hall, and also at Isabelle Demers' recital on the 25th. I wonder if anybody else from the Chapter also made it to both recitals on the 18th, *and* also made it to Isabelle's recital.

For those who also missed the Presidents' Day event, and those who would simply like to hear the Claremont Rosales/Glatzer-Götz again, I'll point out that according to the Southern California Tri-Chapter Calendar, Cherry Rhodes will be performing there on April 22nd, at 4:00 PM, and it looks very likely that I'll be able to make it this time.

That brings me to the Tri-Chapter Calendar itself. As some of you may already be aware, the Los Angeles Chapter has changed their calendar software to something much less labor-intensive to maintain. Unfortunately, there's no easy way to get it into a form that can be printed, or included in a PDF: any attempts to print it from a web browser (either on paper or to a PDF) just produce a large blank area. But the events can be exported to a Google Calendar, and from there, a PDF can be produced, and the text extracted, cleaned up, and fed into word processing or typesetting software, and thus, for the first time in months, we can once again include it in *The Principal*.



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