



The Principal

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The Dean's Corner

Post-Easter Blessings to Everyone!

It's hard for me to believe that this season is ending soon. Our last event is the annual Guild Service & Installation of officers, to be held at St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 4:00 pm. We will be inspired by the beautiful music by Organist and Choirmaster Sean O'Neal. I look forward to seeing everyone at this event.



Turning to the POE (June 28 to July 1, 2022), we now have nine applicants and one prospective applicant. Our POE team is working hard to create a meaningful and successful experience for the next generation of organists. I also want to give a heartfelt thanks everyone who has donated or volunteered to date. Without your support, the POE would not be possible. Again, please consider contributing to the success of our POE-Long Beach 2022 by donation and/or volunteering.

Finally, I hope that you will all consider attending the AGO National Convention, to be held in Seattle, WA, on July 3-7, 2022.

Best wishes to all for a restful and rejuvenating summer!

Dr. Hyunju Hwang
Dean, Long Beach Chapter, AGO

POE Needs Additional Volunteers

This summer's POE is coming together very nicely, thanks to the work of the POE Committee who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Now is the opportunity for you to join in the project and help out! We are still in need of chaperones and drivers Monday-Thursday, June 27-June 30. If you are at all interested or have any questions, please email Robert Martin, our services coordinator at rmartin7191@gmail.com or sign up at

<https://tinyurl.com/LBPOEvolunteer>

Conte Bakersfield Recital Canceled

Less than a week after the April *Principal* went out, with a flyer advertising a Bakersfield recital by Peter Richard Conte, I got word from Dr. Dodson, of the Kern County Chapter, that Mr. Conte had been hospitalized with a severe case of COVID-19. At the time I was informed, Dr. Dodson had planned to reschedule for October; as of press time, I have not heard anything to the contrary.



Here is my tax-deductible gift to support the 2022 Long Beach POE!

Please make your check payable to "AGO Long Beach Chapter POE" and mail to:
Dolly Ickler, POE Treasurer
266 Euclid Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90803

Name as I would like it to appear in the POE programs:

The Tallis Scholars in Pasadena



Justin Senneff, of St. Andrew's Church in Pasadena, has informed me that The Tallis Scholars, a world-renowned choral ensemble will be appearing at St. Andrew's on Saturday, May 7th, at 7:00 PM. See <https://www.standrewpasadena.org> for details and tickets.

Neighborhood Church Concert Reminder

As noted in the April Principal, Dr. Hwang will be performing a free concert on Sunday, May 15, at 4 PM, at The Neighborhood Church, along with organist emerita Rebecca Ogle, and jazz percussionist Tsugumi Shikano. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be accepted, to fund maintenance of the church's magnificent Rosales/Glatzer-Götz organ.

For further details, please look at the church web site, as shown at the bottom of the flyer.

Officers for 2022-23

The following slate of officers has been selected by the nominating committee and is put before you for your approval:

Dean: Hyunju Huang
Sub-Dean: Giuseppe D'Eliseo
Secretary: Emily Lacina
Treasurer/Registrar: Vern Mouw

Members at Large 2025:

Dolly Ickler and Susan MacKensen

If there are no objections, your acceptance is acknowledged and these members will be installed on May 1st during the Installation of Officers, at the Guild Service.

Support the LB-POE With Your Shopping

Here is a wonderful opportunity to support the Long Beach POE. Anytime you shop at Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade non-profit, in either Redondo Beach or San Pedro, 15% of your purchase will go toward the Long Beach POE. (This excludes food purchases.) You can even share the flyer with friends, family and members of your congregation. They just must remember to mention AGO when they make their purchase. Think about upcoming birthdays, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, graduations, weddings, even yourself! We have beautiful baskets that could be filled for Easeter, too.

Please support this easy, ongoing FUNdraiser, which supports the POE and fair trade all at once with beautiful purchases!

Thank you!
Karla Devine

Job Posting

This just in from Derek Gordon

Los Altos United Methodist Church in Long Beach is seeking an organist/pianist/accompanist to play for services and choir rehearsals beginning in June. They are also seeking a new choir director right now, but combining the positions is impractical because of the location of the organ, behind the choir loft. Compensation and other details to be negotiated with the church. Historic Simmons (tracker) organ, 1852 and model-C Steinway piano, 1905.

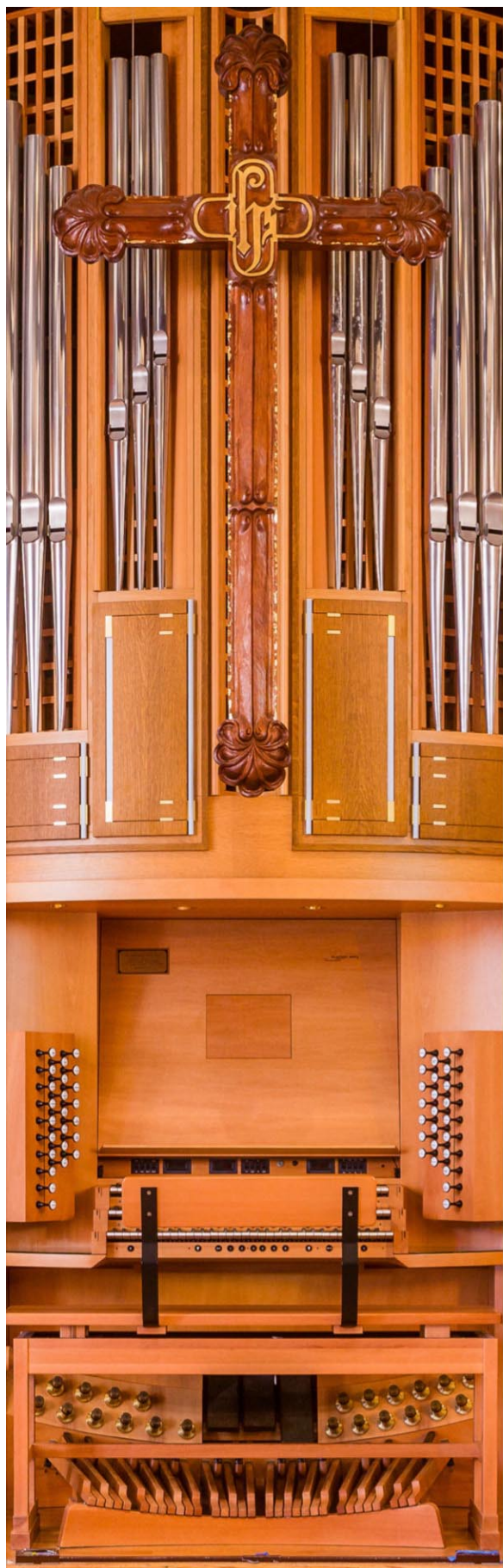
Contact the church office at 562-598-2451 or office@losaltosumc.org

Do YOU Have An Event?

A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

The Gospel According to St. Matthew, Ch5, V15

This is *your* newsletter, for *your* AGO Chapter. That means *your* events should take precedence over events in other chapters, or at Disney Hall, or across the country. But I can only publish what I know. So if you *have* an event, *tell* me about it!



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<https://www.ncpve.org/upcoming-events/2022/5/15/organ-concert-feat-dr-hyunju-hwang>

Robert York a Hit with Nosferatu

Robert York has informed me that his Old Town Music Hall performance of the silent film cult classic *Nosferatu* was a sold out event, in the process introducing the organ to many people who had never been properly exposed to it. In Robert's own words:

The 1921 mighty Wurlitzer at the Old Town Music Hall actually came from the Fox West Theatre that was located at 333 Ocean Blvd. The 2200 seat movie palace was demolished in 1987 and the Westin hotel is now in that location.

The program on Saturday, April 9th began with jazz piece played on their 9' Bosendorfer Imperial grand piano, followed by a novelty piece, Canadian Capers, on the organ to demonstrate the bells, car horns, boat whistles, drums and such. The organ pipes are visible when the curtain is open and thanks to wild black-light paint the audience can observe the mallets strike the marimba, glockenspiel and all the rest.

Robert received a standing ovation and hopefully the enthusiastic newcomers to live organ will return on May 22nd to see *Blood and Sand*, starring Valentino.

Whether heard in a cathedral, church, or a theatre, the more people we can introduce to the King of Instruments, the better!

To Robert's last paragraph, I can only add concert halls and even parks (e.g., the Spreckels Austin, in San Diego's Balboa Park, within easy walking distance of the Zoo) as possible venues for bringing the organ to new audiences. In my years as a subscriber to the Organ Recital series at Disney Hall, I've seen more than a few people's reactions to hearing the Rosales/Glatte-Götz there for the first time, and the Spreckels Organ Society is renowned for its youth programs.

Blood and Sand, the 1922 film adaptation of the novel by Victor Blasco Ibáñez, stars Rudolph Valentino as a young bullfighter caught in a love triangle. You might want to note it on your calendar, for May 22nd, at the historic Old Town Music Hall, located at 140 Richmond Street, El Segundo, CA 90245, not far from the Los Angeles International Airport.

In Memoriam

LB chapter member Jim Kistler's wife of nearly 45 years, Margarita, died unexpectedly on March 25. Her funeral Mass was held at Historic St. Isidore's church in Los Alamitos where her father had been the organist, she had been baptized, and she and Jim had been married. Church Keyboard Center provided an organ for the service. LB chapter member Peter Bates was the organist.

I've also been informed that Michael Fisher, organist/music director at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the 1980s and early 1990s, and LBAGO Chapter Dean from 1991 to 1993 has passed away. Unfortunately, I have no details as of press time.

From the Press Room

James Lampert, Production and Distribution

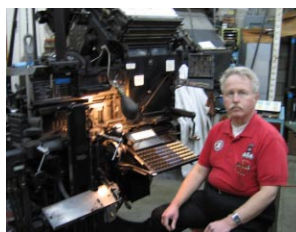
(Any opinions expressed here are solely those of the author.)

As I type this, I'm digesting a fairly elaborate turkey dinner (a welcome change after a month of Lent!), following a busy morning, attending four Easter services (two in person, two streamed and time-shifted), each in a different church, of a different denomination, starting at "zero-dark-thirty" with the Easter Vigil from St. Mark's Cathedral, in Seattle. I sincerely hope all of you had a pleasant and meaningful Easter.

April has not (other than Holy Week and Easter) been quite so eventful a month as March, although pianist Lang Lang did perform the complete Goldberg Variations at Disney Hall, and Itzhak Perlman's rescheduled recital there was as magnificent as usual.

May, on the other hand, will be a busy month. In addition to the Guild Service on the 1st, Dr. Hwang's recital on the 15th, and Robert's silent movie on the 22nd, pianist Daniil Trifonov will be closing out the Colburn 1 series at Disney Hall, with a program of Szymanowski, Debussy, Prokofiev, and Brahms on the 3rd, and organist Nathaniel Gumbs will be closing out the Organ Recital series on the 29th, with an exceptionally eclectic program. And for me, it will be even more eventful, as I'm planning a vacation (which could very likely make this, sadly, the first Neighborhood Church recital I will have missed in many years.)

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