



# The Principal

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## The Dean's Corner

*Vernon Mouw, Chapter Dean*

Dear LBAGO,

It's been an honor to be your Dean the past two years. I wish to thank the membership for their support, and particularly to the Executive Board for their hard work, always being there when called.

Best wishes to all for a great summer. I leave the post as Dean in the very capable hands of Robert York. Long Beach may not be the largest chapter in the area, but we don't take a back

seat to anyone.

One last time I urge you to take advantage of what your chapter offers you.

See you at the Guild service on May 19.

Vern Mouw, Dean



## This Month's Meeting

Our final chapter meeting for the season, our annual Guild Service will take place Sunday, May 19th at 4 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes, 2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Jeannie Cobb, Director of Music, Hyunju Hwang, Organist, and the St. Francis Choir will lead us in worship and our officers will be installed.

## Upcoming Events

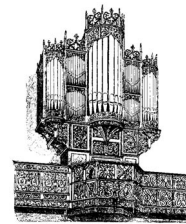
Your Program Committee has met twice to plan next year's season of meetings and events. While not every detail is settled, we will have a nice assortment of programs including a big recital, a member's recital, a movie, some new music, and opportunities for social interaction and fun. Stay tuned in August for a detailed listing of events, venues, dates, and times.

We have made the commitment to host a Pipe Organ Encounter June 29 - July 3, 2020. We will need all of our members to help with organizing and volunteering to help during the event. Please consider clearing your schedule that week. There will be big jobs and little tasks. The future of our instrument and our profession depends on helping young people to discover the organ.

## 2019-2020 Officers

Here is the slate of officers that was proposed and emailed to you for your input. These officers will be installed at our May Guild Service.

- Dean - Robert York
- Sub-Dean - Hyunju Hwang
- Secretary - Phyllis Goodwin
- Treasurer and Registrar - Jana Shields
- Auditors - Dolly Ickler and Gerald Dahlin
- Members at Large
  - . . . . . 2020 - Russell Litchfield and Kent Eggert
  - . . . . . 2021 - Keith Shackleton and Emily Latina
  - . . . . . 2022 - Bill Henderson and Jim Petri
- Past Dean - Vernon Mouw



## The Principal on Hiatus

The next issue of the Principal will be published in August. Please submit any concert announcements or information to Russ Litchfield by July 15th.

**Don't forget to Renew your AGO Membership!**

Watch for communications from AGO Headquarters.

## Far West Regional Convention

It is not too late to register for the Far West 2019 Regional Convention hosted by the Orange County Chapter. Please visit

<http://www.agowest2019.com>

for details and to register.

## Russ' Resources and Repertoire

We were saddened to hear of the devastating fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. It appears that the historic Main Organ was spared any significant damage but the Choir Organ had some water damage. With Notre Dame in mind, here are a couple of links that are related.

Johann Vexo speaks about the fire and organ

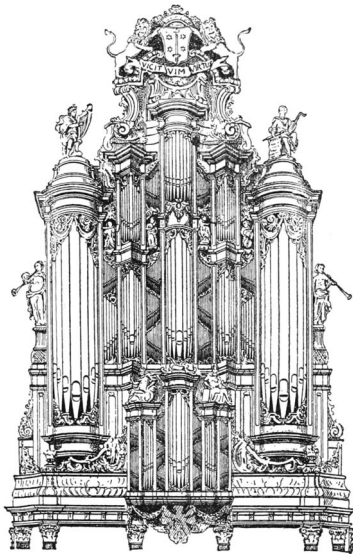
<https://youtu.be/-645TnBHRUM>

Olivier Latory plays Toccata & Fugue in d minor at Notre Dame

<https://youtu.be/e2uuE5ZQN6A>

Louis Vierne improvises at Notre Dame

<https://youtu.be/KCS4fRo0gGg>



## Question of the Month

How do you refresh and renew? Will you be attending the Regional Convention? Will you be traveling this summer? What pieces will you be planning to learn next season?

Best wishes for a peaceful, restful summer. Thanks for reading and best wishes. See you in September.

Russ Litchfield, Editor

## 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 have every confidence in Robert York as our new Chapter Dean. I've known him for quite a few years, ever since my teacher, David York, tapped him for the first silent movie night at St. Luke's.

To throw out my own answer to Russ's compound question, I refresh and renew every weekend, with my organ lesson, my docent shift at the International Printing Museum, and by attending services at any one (or two, or sometimes three) of seven different churches (none of which I play for, thankfully). And I attend concerts, sometimes as many as three per week during the Bowl season (one reason why I don't take summer vacations). And twice a year, in the Spring (except this year, because of work commitments) and the Fall, I take a vacation, which almost always involves spending time on a train.

Oh, yes, and this newsletter is itself, usually, a source of relaxation and renewal, as well as an opportunity to keep my Xerox Ventura Publisher chops up (and prove to the world that while Ventura may have been abandoned two decades ago, it's not dead.)

In case anybody is morbidly curious about my 2018 Christmas CD of the Year, well, thanks to a logistical nightmare that resulted in nine people getting their Christmas presents for Easter, I've been very late with the announcement (to avoid spoiling the surprise). The winner was *Ruiter-Feenstra on Richards, Forwakes*, on the Fleur de Son label, and the runner-up was Matthew Dirst's *The First Organ Concertos*, on Loft.

Finally, if I may presume to plug a non-organ event, I am in the process of putting together a "mini" special event at the International Printing Museum, on Saturday, July 20th, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing.

James Lampert  
Typesetting, Printing, and Circulation



# Southern California AGO Tri-Chapter Calendar

**Sun May 12, 2019**

**4:30 pm Solemn Evensong**

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

**6:00 pm Amanda Mole, Organist**

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

**Mon May 13, 2019**

**8:00 pm James Hopkins Tribute Concert [LAAGO]**

Where: First United Methodist Church, 500 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101

**Tue May 14, 2019**

**7:30 pm Yuban Niu, Organist**

Where: Stan's Music Parlor  
Ms. Niu performs her recital on a selection of Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs. Donation. Private residence. To receive an invitation, please send your email address to [seh52@yahoo.com](mailto:seh52@yahoo.com).

**Sun May 19, 2019**

**4:00 pm Howells and Fauré in La Cañada**

Where: La Cañada Congregational Church, 1200 Foothill Blvd, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011  
The choirs of La Cañada Congregational Church (Harold Daugherty, conductor) and St. George's Episcopal Church (Robert Crocker, conductor) will perform three pieces by Herbert Howells, including "Take him, earth, for cherishing," and the Fauré Requiem. FWO

**4:00 pm Guild Service and Installation of Officers**

Where: St Francis Episcopal Church, 2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274  
Evensong Worship experience. Free.  
Hosts: Jeannie Cobb and Hyunhu Hwang

**7:30 pm Iveta Apkalna, Organist**

Where: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Music of Widor, Gubaidulina, Glass, Kalējs, Vasks, Bach, Kutavicius, Liszt. \$31- \$60

**Wed May 22, 2019**

**12:45 PM Dorothy Young Riess, MD, Organist**

Where: Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Free

**Sun Jun 2, 2019**

**7:30 pm, Thomas Mellan, Organist**

Where: Stan's Music Parlor  
Mr. Mellan plays French, German and Italian Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs to perform his program. Donation. Private residence. To receive an invitation, please send your email address to [seh52@yahoo.com](mailto:seh52@yahoo.com).

**Sun Jun 16, 2019**

**7:30 pm Rudolf Muller, Organist**

Where: Stan's Music Parlor  
Mr. Muller selects a variety of Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs to perform his program. Donation. Private residence. To receive an invitation, please send your email address to [seh52@yahoo.com](mailto:seh52@yahoo.com).

**Sat Jun 22, 2019**

**7:30 pm Philip Smith, Organist**

Where: Stan's Music Parlor  
Mr. Smith plays his program on a variety of Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs. Private residence. To receive an invitation, please send your email address to [seh52@yahoo.com](mailto:seh52@yahoo.com). Donation.

**Sun Jun 23, 2019**

**4:00 pm Schubert Mass in A-flat and Poulenc Organ Concerto**

Where: First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica, 1008 11th St, Santa Monica, CA 90403  
Schubert's Mass in A-flat, one of the two "great" masses of his mature period, will be presented by The Laudamus Te Singers (James Vail, music director), members of the Choir of First United Methodist Church (James Smith, music director), and orchestra

**Sat Jun 29, 2019**

**7:30 pm Nambee Han, Organist**

Where: Stan's Music Parlor  
Dr. Han plays her recital on Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs. Private residence. To receive an invitation, please send your email address to [seh52@yahoo.com](mailto:seh52@yahoo.com). Donation.

**Sun Jun 30 through Wed Jul 3, 2019**

**12:00 am AGO 2019 West Region Convention**

Where: Orange County, CA  
For more information, visit the convention web site: <http://agowest2019.com>

**Fri Jul 5, 2019**

**7:30 pm Ethan Haman, Organist**

Where: Stan's Music Parlor  
Mr. Haman selects Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs to perform his recital. Private MidCity Los Angeles residence. To receive an invitation, send email address to [seh52@yahoo.com](mailto:seh52@yahoo.com).

**For the most up-to-date calendar information, go to the LAAGO Web Site.**

<https://www.laago.org/calendar>

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