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The Dean's Corner

Dear LBAGO Members, Friends, and Colleagues,



I hope all of you are enjoying the beauty of spring and the festivities of Eastertide!

Our March workshop, "Can't We All Just Get Along?" led by Hanan Yaqub and Fran Johnston, was incredibly valuable. I extend my sincere gratitude to both of them for their insightful workshop,

sharing practical tips and wisdom on effective communication and collaboration. Also, special thanks to Margaret Armstrong for graciously hosting us and providing delightful snacks and refreshments.

I'm delighted to invite you to our final event of the year, the annual Guild Service & Installation of Officers, taking place at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 4:00 pm. Special thanks to David York, who is hosting the event and preparing all the music, as well as to St. Gregory's Church Choir and Winston Bickhardt. Following the service, we'll gather for a reception to enjoy social time together. The details are provided in the next column. We eagerly await seeing everyone at this special occasion.

As summer approaches and travel plans are made, I encourage you to consider attending the AGO National Convention in San Francisco, CA, from June 30 to July 4, 2024. The convention promises a wealth of programs, concerts, workshops, and social events. I'm thrilled to share that our very own Fran Johnston will be presenting a workshop titled "An Organist Prepares"! Registration is available online at <https://www.sfago2024.org>

I look forward to seeing you all at our final event of the season and wish you a marvelous and rejuvenating summer ahead!

Best regards,
Dr. Hyunju Hwang
Dean, LBAGO

2024 Guild Service: A Pentecost Evensong

This year, with the Guild Service falling on Pentecost Sunday, and hosted by St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, it will take the form of a Pentecost Evensong.

Evensong, a musical service of Evening Prayer, has been called the most quintessentially Anglican of services. Our Guild Service, doubling as St. Gregory's Festival Service of Evensong for The Day of Pentecost, will feature the music of Alfred V. Fedak, William Billings, Andrew Carter, Tom Trenney, and Theodore Dubois. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow.

The closing voluntary, the Dubois Toccata in G, will be played by Winston Bickhardt, our 2023-24 Chapter Scholarship recipient.

David York is the Organist and Choirmaster at St. Gregory's, and for some of you (myself included), this will be the first opportunity to hear David in his new "church gig."

4:00 P.M., Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024, at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 6201 East Willow Street, Long Beach.

Chapter Election

This time, we remembered the election in time to put it into the newsletter. As usual, it will be conducted online, via Election Runner. Those of you who have known email addresses will receive your ballot links by email; **if you're eligible to vote, but don't receive a link within a week, please feel free to send in your vote by mail or by phone.** Our current slate of candidates is (with changes from last year in bold type):

Dean: Dr. Hyunju Hwang

Sub-Dean: Kyle Black

Secretary: Dr. Emily Lacina

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Members at Large:

Class of 2027: Emma Yim

Review on March Workshop

Dr. Hyunju Hwang

We had an outstanding workshop on March 9, 2024, at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Lomita, titled "Can we all just get along?" The workshop focused on moving from heartburn to harmony with pastors, choir members/directors, contemporary worship leaders, and the rest of life's blood-pressure raisers. Led by Hanan Yaqub and Fran Johnston, who have collaborated for nearly 50 years, the workshop provided invaluable insights into fostering unity and understanding within our community.

A key takeaway from the workshop was the emphasis on embracing diversity, reflecting God's love for our differences. It underscored the importance of mutual respect and leveraging our unique talents collectively. The speakers emphasized the significance of speaking positively and being mindful of our words, even in absentia.

The workshop also referenced biblical principles for fostering peace among ourselves, citing verses such as "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think" (Romans 12:3) and "Above all, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14). Additionally, they shared resources including the 'Seeking to be Faithful Together' guidelines and 'How to apologize like you mean it' article from the New York Times. These materials can be accessed at the following links:

<https://tinyurl.com/PresDisagreeGuidelines>

and

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/16/well/live/apology-tips.html>

(note: the New York Times article is behind their paywall – Ed.)

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Hanan and Fran for their enlightening presentations and dedication to promoting harmony within our community. We also want to thank Margaret Armstrong for graciously hosting us and providing lovely snacks during the workshop. Her hospitality added warmth to our gathering and contributed to a memorable experience for all.

Overall, the workshop provided valuable insights and practical tools for promoting unity and understanding within our community.



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Our Presenters, Hanan Yaqub and Fran Johnston



Workshop Participants



And goodies to fit all tastes, appropriate for a workshop on diversity

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As I type this, I'm still basking in the afterglow of a matinee concert by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, featuring a brand new work by Jonathan Bailey Holland, two works by Ravel, and the Saint-Saëns Third Symphony. And I'm also still recovering from our Spring "Krazy Krafts Day" at the Printing Museum (which drew quite the crowd on a slightly soggy Saturday).

And I'm also still preparing for my Spring Vacation, my usual trip to the Bay Area, this time with an overnight excursion to visit cousins in Turlock, as well as a day-trip to Sacramento. Overall, the vacation will be a few days shorter than usual, so I'll only be away for two Sundays: one at All Saints' Episcopal, Palo Alto (a delightfully spicy 1969 Flentrop), and the other at St. Mark's Lutheran, San Francisco (a more recent Taylor & Boody), returning the evening before Yuja Wang's Disney Hall recital.

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