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January Pipings

Bonne année

سنة جديدة سعيدة

Sretna Nova godina

Gelukkig nieuwjaar

新年快樂

שנה טובה

Frohes neues Jahr

Boldog új évét

Шинэ жилийн мэнд хүргэе

Felice anno nuovo

Jabulela unyaka omusha

Beatus Novus Annus

明けましておめでとうございます

नया साल मुबारक

Szcześliwego Nowego Roku

Chúc mừng năm mới

Happy New Year

Jonathan Davis, Dean

Low Country Chapter of the American Guild
of Organists

WILLKOMMEN UND AUF WIEDERSEHEN.....

LCC AGO welcomes two new dual members:

Al Murrell of Henrico, NC

Jim Sowell of Atlanta, GA AND

William D. Harvey of Ruffin, SC

We wish Jim and Cindy Valieant a fond farewell as they move to Germany. Jim has been music teacher at Laurel Bay schools and will assume a similar position with a Department of Defense school in Germany. Jim has also done a fine job as director of the Harbormasters Barbershop group, and Cindy has served as director of the Beaufort Belles. We will miss you!



The new year brings a Nominating Committee for our Board. Margaret Bukkoso is the Chair, assisted by Gary Rakestraw and Syd Small. If you are interested (THINK ABOUT IT!) in being a member of the LCCAGO Board for the next year, please contact a member of the Committee by January 10th.

A Memorial Service for Florence Balog, mother of Linda Hamilton, will be held Saturday January 16th at 11:00 am at St. John's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Columbia Avenue, Rincon, Georgia (Hwy. 21 in the City of Rincon on your left). She died December 17th in Savannah and was buried in Albany, NY on December 22nd. (The obituary will be in the Jan. 6 edition of the Effingham Herald.) May she rest in peace.



Please submit your news, events, comments, experiences, upcoming music conferences, updates, **anything of interest** to your fellow chapter members to:

WEBMASTER Gary Rakestraw grakestraw@hotmail.com

Our chapter website is lccago.org. *Visit it!*



NEWSLETTER EDITOR Linda Hamilton liturgicalinda@hotmail.com.

LOW COUNTRY CHAPTER AGO

2016 ORGAN RECITAL SERIES AT NOON

St. Luke's Church
50 Pope Avenue
Hilton Head Island, SC

Nina L. Rodman, Series Coordinator

Friday, January 8

12:00 pm

Andre T. Rakus

Music Director and Organist at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Beaufort

DO YOU HAVE OUR JANUARY PROGRAM ON YOUR CALENDAR!?!

TRENDS AND TRANSITION IN WORSHIP: Rekindling Your Music Ministry

Your Chapter is committed to providing educational enrichment and up-to-date information about what is going on in our profession.

This program is that and more, featuring:

The Rev. Andy Langford

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in the United Methodist Church

Saturday, January 23

9am – 2pm

Low Country Presbyterian Church,
At the corner of Hwy 278 and Simmonsville Road in Bluffton

A continental breakfast (at 8:30 am) and boxed lunch will be provided at a cost of \$10.00.

The program is open to all clergy, worship committees, and general public.
RSVP by January 15 to Beth Corry at corrymusic@yahoo.com or 703-946-7750.

FROM THE WEBSITE MANAGER:

Please take a moment to update your profile with ONCARD. It is from your profile that we get your personal information for our chapter directory and for the substitute list. Please do not send requests for changes to me.

It's easy for you to keep your own profile current.

To access ONCARD, you can go to www.agohq.org/oncard-login/ or simply Google "AGO ONCARD."

-Enter your USERNAME which is your first initial and your last name.

-Enter your PASSWORD which is found on the mailing label of your *The American Organist* magazine. (If you are a friend member and don't receive the magazine, there is help right there on the login screen to have your number emailed to you.)

-Select UPDATE PERSONAL INFORMATION. Make sure all your information is current and correct.

-Under VIEW/EDIT ADDRESS INFORMATION, make sure your contact and employment information is current and correct.

-Under VIEW/EDIT CHAPTER-SPECIFIC INFORMATION, you can indicate your availability to substitute.

-Make sure you press the POST CHANGES button before leaving the screens. Otherwise, your updates will not be recorded.

The next time I post directory and substitute information on our website (lccago.org), your updates will be included.

An updated **substitute list** has been posted on our website (lccago.org). It is now located with the Membership Roster under the password-protected MEMBERS PORTAL tab on the home page.

Substitute information is taken from your ONCARD profile, so please keep it current!

In addition, a new post has been added to our webpage under the RECENT POSTS section at the top right of the home page. It is a link to the CODES AND PROCEDURE section of our national website. In the link, you will be able to choose from the following PDF titles:

- Code of Ethics
- Code of Ethics with FAQs
- Code of Professional Standards
- Discipline
- Alternate Dispute Resolution

Thank you!

Gary Rakestraw

More Musical Events

Christmas Lessons and Carols, January 3 at 5:30 pm at St. John's Church, Episcopal, 1 W. Macon St., Savannah, GA. After the organ prelude, St. John's Choir, led by Organist/Choirmaster Steven Branyon will offer a traditional Lessons & Carols Service, followed by a reception. Call 912-232-1251 for more information.

James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, will be playing an organ concert on Sunday, February 14, 2016, 3:00 pm, at Byrnes Auditorium, **Winthrop University**, Rock Hill, SC.

The Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to announce the **2016 Pipe Organ Encounter** to be held Sunday, July 24-Friday, July 29, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta Chapter will accept students ages 13-18. Students should be interested in Pipe Organs with Piano or Organ proficiency from Intermediate to Advanced. Join us for an exciting week of study with the King of Instruments. Watch our website for future announcements. Website: www.agoatlanta.org/html/POE.htm
Contact: Nicole Marane, POE Director at nicmarane@gmail.com

Job Placement, January 2016

Organization: **Advent United Methodist Church**

Posting Date: October 28, 2015

Address: Simpsonville, South Carolina, 29681, (www.advent-umc.org)

Title: Organist

Job Type: Part-time

Minimum Education: Bachelor's degree in music preferred (especially organ performance or emphasis on Sacred Music)

Minimum Experience: 2-3 Years

Salary: \$15,000.00 - \$17,000.00 (Yearly Salary)

Number of Weekly Services: 2

Number of Weekly Rehearsals: 1

Hours: 12 – 18 hours a week

Contact Person: Debbie Cotterman, employment@advent-umc.org

Job Description: Applicants should have a strong, personal faith and be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This person must have a thorough understanding of worship practices and procedures, preferably someone with experience in United Methodist worship, hymns, and theology.

Organization: **Christ Church Episcopal**

Posting Date: November 2, 2015

Location: 10 N. Church St., Greenville, South Carolina, 29601

Title: Director of Music

Job Type: Full-Time

Minimum Education: Master's Degree

Minimum Experience: 5-7 Years

Number of Weekly Services: 5 or more

Number of Weekly Rehearsals: 3

Hours: More than 40

Organ Description: Goulding & Wood Opus 35 III/67

Benefits: Book/Music Allowance, Continuing Education Allowance, Health Insurance, Maternity/Paternity Leave, Retirement/pension, Sick Leave, Vacation

Contact Person: Music Search Committee, musicsearch@ccgsc.org, 864-271-8773

Job Description: The Director of Music will assume responsibility for all aspects of musical life in the parish including acting as the Principal Organist and Choir Director. S/he will work collaboratively with the Rector and other members of the liturgy staff to enact creative and relevant liturgies, while remaining true to our Anglican tradition. The Director of Music has primary responsibilities for the implementation of current liturgical and musical aspects of Christ Church. Candidates must be able to manage other paid musicians as well as volunteers.

Music at St. Helena's

FRIDAY ORGAN CONCERTS AT NOON

2015-2016 Concert Schedule

Taylor & Boody, Opus 11 (1985; 19 ranks)

FALL SERIES

October 16

Travis Baker

*Director of Music, Bromley Boy Singers
Kent, England*

October 23

Katie Moss

*Doctoral Candidate, Indiana University
Readlyn, Iowa*

October 30

Douglas Bruce

*Parish Church of Wollbach
Black Forest, Germany*

November 6

Dr. Gregory Peterson

*Luther College
Decorah, Iowa*

November 20

FEATURED YOUNG ORGANIST

Clara Gerdes

*Curtis Institute
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

SPRING SERIES

March 11

FEATURED YOUNG ORGANIST

Shayla De Jong

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

March 18

Patrick Zelezik

*Artistic Director, Houston Baroque
Houston, Texas*

April 1

Dr. Angela Kraft Cross

*Congregational Church of San Mateo
San Mateo, California*

April 8

Fred Teardo

*Cathedral of the Advent
Birmingham, Alabama*

April 15

Stephen Hamilton

*Church of the Holy Trinity (Emeritus)
New York City, New York*

Concerts are FREE, open to the public, and last approximately 50 minutes.
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New Organ (2014)

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First United Methodist Church (V/93) Atlanta, GA
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (IV/83) New Orleans, LA
New York Ave Presbyterian (III/62) Washington, DC
Hendricks Ave Baptist Church (III/60) Jacksonville, FL
Midway Presbyterian Church (III/55) Powder Springs, GA
Bethel United Methodist Church (III/51) Charleston, SC
First Presbyterian Church (III/47) Savannah, GA
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (III/46) Atlanta, GA
Carrollton First United Methodist Church (III/43) Carrollton, GA
St. Mary's Catholic Church (II/38) Evansville, IN
Advent Lutheran Church (III/36) Melbourne, FL
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (III/33) New Orleans, LA
Covenant Presbyterian Church (II/32) Charlotte, NC
College Heights United Methodist Church (III/31) Lakeland, FL
Chester Presbyterian Church (II/31) Chester, VA
Holy Trinity Catholic Church (II/27) Peachtree City, GA
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church (III/25) Burke, VA
First United Methodist Church (II/25) Elberton, GA
Stella Maris Catholic Church (II/25) Sullivan's Island, SC
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (II/23) Rocky Mount, NC
First United Methodist Church (III/22) Cordele, GA
Episcopal Church of the Advent (II/15) Madison, GA
Newberry ARP Church (II/15) Newberry, SC

Some of Our Current Organ Projects:



Rendering for

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (III/38)
St. Louis, MO - New Organ
First Presbyterian (III/53)
Galveston, TX - New Organ
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