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# THE COUPLER

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## The Dean's Message



### *Greetings!*

I am honored to be writing my first message as one of your Co-Deans. I'd like to take this opportunity to share some information about the wonderful year of events that we have ahead of us in the District of Columbia Chapter.

October marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and we are marking this event by holding our Installation of Officers in the Sanctuary of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on East Capitol Street on

the evening of Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We are delighted that Reformation's Director of Music and Arts, Paul Leavitt, together with his choir, will be joining us for the event, which we are hosting together with the Potomac Chapter. Paul is an accomplished composer, and we are looking forward to hearing about his experiences in the Lutheran Church as it moves towards this significant day.

In October and November we have two AGO events held in the exquisitely beautiful setting of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America with its Lively-Fulcher organ. On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, we are joining with NOVA Chapter and Potomac Chapters in presenting Princeton University Organist, Eric Plutz in the *Pipes Spectacular* annual celebrity recital, and on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Sub-Dean Jeremy Filsell and the choir of the Church of Epiphany will lead us in a program of *Morales at the Monastery*, featuring works by Cristóbal de Morales, perhaps the most influential Spanish composer before the more famous Tomás Luis da Victoria. We could hardly have a more perfect setting for this music.

In the first days of January 2018 (date to be announced), we are once again invited to join the Potomac Chapter for its annual Twelfth Night celebration, and on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> we are

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presenting our second President's Day Festival. We are still working on the line-up, but we promise a roster of enjoyable, informative and educational events that can bring us all together for the holiday.

On Saturday, April 7, we are traveling to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA for our own time with the fabulous 110-rank Aeolian organ, which we have reserved for two hours in the middle of the day. We are lining up one of the Gardens' organists to give us a demonstration, after which we will be welcome to play it ourselves. Of course, the gardens themselves are well worth a visit, especially in the Spring, and we are hoping to see the carillon too. Family and friends will be welcome (as always!)

Be looking for more details in The Coupler as they become available, and we look forward to seeing you as we get together to share our love of the organ and organ music!

Chris

### *A Repeat Notice from The July Coupler*

## From AGO Headquarters

JUNE/JULY 2017: Renewal emails and letters with invoices are being sent. They are later than usual this year because of changes to the AGO dues structure and the settlement with the Federal Trade Commission. If your membership expires in July, 2017 you can renew now by logging in to **ONCARD**. Members with expiration dates after July 31 should wait for an email before renewing.

*... Also, remember that dues are not necessarily renewed in June-July as in years past. Renewals now occur at any time during the year, and your personal renewal is based on the last time you paid your dues.*

## 2017-2018 DC AGO Chapter Schedule of Events

Monday, September 18 at 7:30 PM

### Opening Convocation and Installation of Officers

Lutheran Church of the Reformation

Host Paul Leavitt

*with the Potomac Chapter*

222 East Capitol Street NE

Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

Sunday, October 15

Tri-Chapter Pipes Spectacular

Eric Plutz, Princeton University Organist

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land

Washington, DC

Monday, November 6

Morales at the Monastery

The Choir of The Church of the Epiphany, DC

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land

Washington, DC

January 2017

Twelfth Night Service and Catered Dinner

With members of the Potomac and NOVA Chapters

All Saints Episcopal Church

Chevy Chase, Maryland

Monday, February 19, 2017

Presidents' Day Organ Festival

Saturday, April 7, 2017

Road Trip to Longwood Gardens

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

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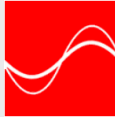
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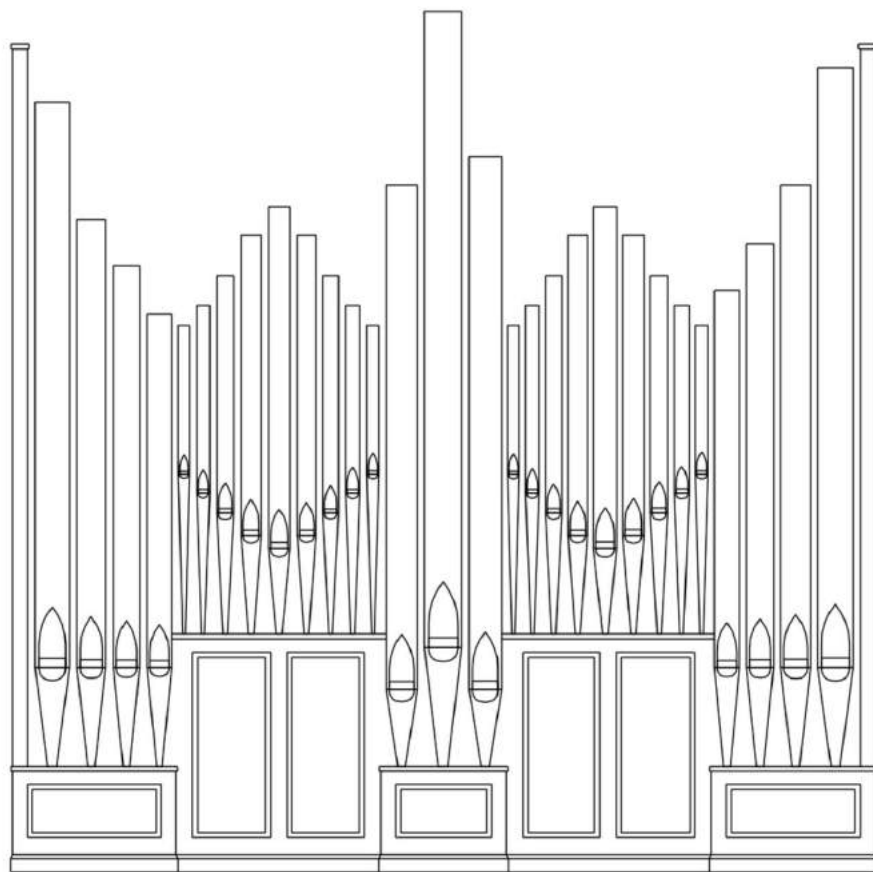
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## Members' Events

No member events to list for the remainder of August or first part of September.

*Members are encouraged to submit recitals and concerts for public listing on the DC AGO website. Submit your event for web or newsletter listing to [dcagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:dcagochapter@gmail.com)*

*We would also love to publish your photos of concerts you attend and where travel this summer in our August and September issues. Send your pics to [dcagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:dcagochapter@gmail.com)*

### Welcome

to new DC AGO Members

Michael Hart  
District of Columbia Primary Chapter  
Regular Member

Dr. Warren D. Hood, II  
District of Columbia Secondary Chapter  
Regular Member

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## Music @ the Monastery

Located on 42 acres, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land is a beautiful architectural gem hidden in the northeast corner of Washington, D.C. Dedicated in 1898, the church is in the shape of a Jerusalem Cross in neo-Byzantine architectural style. The church and extensive contemplative gardens include full-size replicas of shrines from the Holy Land (the Franciscans have ministered there for 800 years), plus catacombs and a Lourdes Grotto. The monastery also has two hermitages for personal retreats. The Monastery's Lively-Fulcher pipe organ was built in 1998 and contains forty ranks of pipes over three manuals and pedal.

Together with the Franciscan Monastery, the DC AGO is proud to support a series of community outreach musical events titled, "Music @ the Monastery". These events are free of charge and take place on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm, followed by a reception. All are welcome!

### 2017 - 2018 Recitalists

September 10	Dudley Oakes (Shenandoah University)
October 8	Jeffrey Pannebaker (Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring)
November 12	Chris Betts (Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda)
December 10	Russell Weismann (Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda)
January 14	Jung Yeon Kim (Peabody Conservatory)
February 11	Samantha Scheff (University of Maryland)
March 11	Brass of Peace Ensemble (Sylvia Alimena, Director) with Lisa Galoci, organist
March 18	Commonwealth Brass and National Brass with Randall Sheets, organist
April 8	Carolyn Lamb Booth (Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Oxen Hill)
May 13	Carol Feather Martin (Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington)

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