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# THE COUPLER

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## The Dean's Message



### *Greetings All!*

And welcome back to school!

Yes, summer is quickly coming to an end and it is now time to start anew. Your executive board has had a busy summer working to prepare an exciting and eventful year of programs and activities for our members and friends.

I would like to call your attention to our first event of the season; that being the installation of our newly elected officers. This year our installation service will be a dual chapter event shared with the Potomac chapter; the theme being a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This promises to be an inspiring and educational event and I highly encourage you to seriously consider attending. Details about this and all of the upcoming chapter events can be found in this issue of the Coupler.

As I remain on the theme of 'back to school' I would like to take a moment to congratulate

one of our own local young talents, Matthew Daley. Matt is from Gaithersburg, Maryland and currently resides in Potomac, Maryland.

While studying with Dr. Larissa Devoda, Matthew received his M.M. degree in piano from The University of Maryland in 2015. While working on his piano degrees he simultaneously studied organ with, among others, Dale Krider, William Neal and John Walker.

His passion for music also includes voice, violin and viola. Matthew is currently organist at Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church and Colesville United Methodist Church.

This fall, Mr. Daley has accepted a full scholarship to study organ at the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music with Thomas Murray.

I first met Matthew back in June at our regional convention in Richmond and found him to be a delightful young man. I was fortunate enough to hear him in recital later on in July at Colesville United Methodist Church. For those of you who are not familiar with Mr. Daley, he impressed me as a formidable talent with a kind and gentle spirit.

Keep your eyes and ears open for Matt as I suspect that he will be making quite an impression on the music world.

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*From National Headquarters:*

As I mentioned in the July issue of the Coupler, the AGO came to a legal settlement with the FTC concerning the validity of our pay schedules and salary guidelines. All of the details concerning this settlement can be found in the recent issues of TAO and on the AGO website.

In order for individual chapters to remain affiliated with our National office, we are required to sign and submit a compliance form.

As your Co-Dean I did indeed sign such a form while at the regional convention in Richmond and personally handed it to our Executive Director, James Thomashower. This action allows DCAGO to be in full compliance and to remain in full association and affiliation with National Headquarters. If there is something in the published information that you do not understand or have questions about I will be happy to speak with you.

Please keep member Pedro Hart in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to deal with his recent health challenges.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events and elsewhere.

Irvin

## Welcome

to new DC AGO Members  
Transfers In:

Dr. Jonathan M. Gregoire

Paul H. Byssainthe, Jr.

Tanya Langlois

## 2017-2018 DC AGO Chapter Schedule of Events

Monday, September 18 at 7:30 PM  
Celebration of the Reformation &  
Installation of Officers

Lutheran Church of the Reformation  
Host Paul Leavitt  
*with the Potomac Chapter*  
See page 7 for more information

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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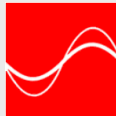
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## Members' Events

### Friday, September 8, 12:15 pm

Organist David Lang  
Music at Midday @ National City  
Christian Church

### Friday, September 15, 12:15 pm

Organist Mary Mozelle  
Music at Midday @ National City  
Christian Church

### Friday, September 22, 12:15 pm

Organist Hans Uwe Hielscher  
Music at Midday @ National City  
Christian Church

### Saturday, September 23, 4 pm

Organists Joy-Leilani Garbutt & Mark Willey  
Spencerville Evensong Concert Series  
Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist  
Church, Silver Spring

### Friday, September 29, 12:15 pm

Organist Patrick Pope  
Music at Midday @ National City  
Christian Church

*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)*

## Your Attendance is Requested for the First Event of the Season

The DC and Potomac chapters of the AGO invite you to join us for a Celebration of the Reformation in this 500th anniversary year. As this is our first chapter event for the fall, we will also be installing our new officers. Music for the service will feature organist Paul Leavitt and the choir of the Church of the Reformation.

Come early and stay after for a reception with German refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your colleagues, renew connections with chapter members, and catch-up with friends.

Event: Celebration of the Reformation with Installation of Officers

Date: Monday, September 18

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

6:30: Welcoming reception

7:30: Service

8:30: Post service social time

Location: Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20003

Parking/Transit:

Residential parking opens at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays.

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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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