

# AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS - LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER

## Membership Application for 2010 - 2011

Greetings! We cordially invite you to join us by becoming a member in the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Our official membership year is from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Your membership in the Lehigh Valley AGO Chapter supports . . .

- Chapter meetings, workshops, concerts, and recitals to expand your professional life
- Publication of our Yearbook, with organ substitute's list
- Professional Certification Examinations
- Job placement assistance
- The activities of National Headquarters including a monthly subscription to *The American Organist (TAO) Magazine*

The LVATO distributes its Chapter Newsletter primarily electronically. Members who wish to continue to receive the newsletter via the US mail service to make a contribution of \$15.00 this year.

### Membership Rates

Regular Voting Member	\$92.00
Special Voting Member (65 and over, under 21, or disabled)	\$67.00
Full Time Student Voting Member (full-time with school ID)	\$37.00
Full Time Student Dual Member (full-time with school ID)	\$15.00
Partner Member (2 <sup>nd</sup> member at same address, no TAO)	\$67.00
Dual Voting Member (paid to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chapter after dues paid to Primary Chapter)	\$36.00
Chapter Friend (subscribing member with no TAO)	\$15.00

(Applies to those who **do not** have a regular full or part-time Church or Synagogue position and are **not** eligible to be on the substitute list)

**Please complete and return this form, along with a check payable to "LVAGO," by mailing to  
Mr. Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040**

**Please print. Deadline is June 30 for Yearbook inclusion.**

**Membership Level:** (please check one)       Regular       Special       Student       Partner  
 Chapter Friend       Student Dual       Dual (primary Chapter) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to receive the chapter newsletter  electronically     via US mail

Name \_\_\_\_\_

You **may** list any AGO certifications or academic degree(s) you wish on record: \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to substitute: Sundays    Weekdays

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Work Name \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Work Title \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Work City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Pos. E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a contribution to  National     Chapter     LVAGO Endowment Fund    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution for US mailed newsletters (\$15.00 suggested) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Please turn the Application over and fill out the back \*\*\***

# Code of Ethics

Adopted by the National Council on October 23, 1933 as revised through April 16, 2007.

**Preamble:** The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Guild. Members shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.

**RULE 1.** Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address differences between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the *Discipline*.

**RULE 2.** Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.

**RULE 3.** In cases pending under the *Procedures* or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that Institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved. Interim services may be provided for a period of 90 days.

**RULE 4.** Members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service requested by a third party. In such cases, the incumbent should receive his/her customary fee, and the third party is expected to provide it. It is the responsibility of the guest member to inform the third party of this rule. Members are advised to protect themselves as incumbents in this regard by negotiating employment contracts which secure these fees and which provide some responsibility, oversight, and control as to choice of music, etc.

**RULE 5.** Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matters of a personal or confidential nature.

**RULE 6.** Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Chapter Survey

We value your assistance, input and attendance at chapter events. Please take a few moments to complete the following information:

1) I can help the Chapter with the following:

- Make a few phone calls       Help with mailings       Provide refreshments  
 Usher       Serve on a committee       Other \_\_\_\_\_

2) List two Chapter events we might hold in the future that you would definitely attend:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) List two events you think the general public might enjoy:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

4) Do you need transportation to and from Chapter events ?    YES    NO (please circle)

5) Thoughts and comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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