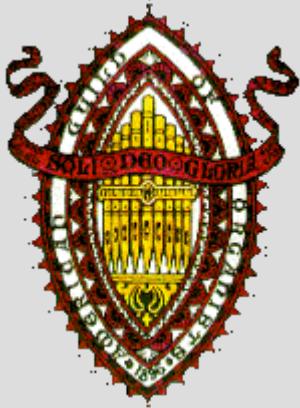


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## Deans' Mixtures

If all goes according to plan (and if there's any time of the year when plans are necessary, this is one) you will be reading this shortly before Christmas, 2015. I hope that you have found the Advent themes of light, hope, expectation, and peace to be as meaningful as I have this year. With everything that is going on in our communities, nation, and world, Advent has been especially appropriate for me this year. We church musicians have a wonderful calling – we have the privilege of helping people sing their “hopes and fears”, laying them all before God. I commend you all for your work.



I want to call attention to an “extra” program on our schedule this year – an open house Christmas party on January 3, 2016. My wife Linda and I are happy to host all of you this year for some good food, some carol singing, and most of all for some good fellowship with colleagues and friends. Such times of refreshment are very important for all of us, so I hope you can

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## January Meeting

## January Jumpstart

### Workshops, Plenary Session, Chapel Service

Sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter AGO  
Registration \$20 for LVAGO members, Lunch \$15

Saturday, January 16, 8 am to 4 pm  
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
625 Montgomery Avenue • Bryn Mawr, PA

**Dean's Mixtures**

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attend! Details are in this newsletter.

We have other wonderful events in the coming months, too – the January Jumpstart, then a student recital at Central Moravian in February, and our Bach Plus Marathon recital in March. That will keep us busy until Easter!

Have a very happy Christmas, a happy New Year, and I hope to see you on January 3.

Michael Krentz  
Dean

## Holiday Social

January 3, 2016  
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

hosted by

**Michael and Linda Krentz**

2014 Amherst Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Catering by Social Tea Caterers  
Appetizers, desserts, beverages  
(including beer and wine) provided

Spouses/Partners welcome

Cost is \$20/person.

Please send a check made out to  
LVAGO by December 21 to  
Stephen Bueker, Treasurer  
2520 Clark Place  
Easton, PA 18040

## January Jumpstart

Yes, it's cold... it's a Saturday... you have to get up early... and you have to travel an hour to get there, but the AGO January Jumpstart happens just once a year and is well worth the trip! For just \$20

(Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia, and SW New Jersey AGO members, \$40 for all others), you too can attend this educational event administered by the Philadelphia Chapter at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Held on January 16th from 8:00am to 4:00pm, the day features a wide variety of workshop choices over three sessions, plus a plenary session and chapel service featuring special guests Kent Trible and Canon Victoria Sirota from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. Workshop choices include Clergy/Musician Relationships, Dealing with Difficult People, Body Mapping, Harpsichord for Organists, Lesser Known and New Organ Repertoire (presented by Dean Michael Krentz), Pipe Organs 911, a Choral Reading Session, and many more!

If you have attended previous January Jumpstarts, you may remember having trouble narrowing your workshop selections to just three, once you see the plethora of available choices on the schedule. Maybe you'll make a new friend, or run into one you haven't seen in years. You can also spend time at the Young's Music display, and contribute or browse at the Free Used Music Table.

Registration is now open on the Philadelphia AGO website ([agophila.org](http://agophila.org)) at the top right under "Featured Events". Lunch is \$15, or you may bring your own. Information regarding carpool arrangements will be forthcoming. Let's have a large contingent from our chapter this year!

Matthew Wary

## November Meeting Report

The chapter membership gathered on Saturday, November 21 at Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown (Michael Krentz, host musician) for a workshop, "Hymn Styles and How to Play Them" presented by Dr. Karl E. Moyer. This was the second part of a previous workshop held this past February regarding hymns and the organist's role in leading them in worship led by Dr. Moyer. This was one of the most challenging and enlightening workshops I have attended. The material examined the theology and spirituality that underlies various major hymn styles that appear in most hymnals and through which the organist leads the congregation's singing. Dr. Moyer led the participants through a wide variety

of hymns with lively enthusiasm and the premise that it is important to lead the singing of hymns in worship with informed authenticity. Through singing and demonstration, hymns from plainchant through Lutheran Chorales, Calvinist Psalter tunes, hymns of Lowell Mason, the Mennonites and Church of the Brethren among others were illustrated. Questions asked were: (1) What does the hymn mean spiritually and theologically? (2) How does the congregation best sing each kind of hymn? (3) How should the organist lead the people's singing from the organ to help the singing be the most sensitive toward a heightened sense of the hymn's inner meaning? Dr. Moyer is a retired Millersville University of Pennsylvania music professor and an organist/director of music for several Lutheran and Episcopal congregations. Gail Hanzl arranged for morning refreshments.

Gloria Snyder

## November/December Concerts

**December 20** (Sunday) 7:00 pm; **Handel's Messiah**; 2nd annual "Sing-a-long" Performance; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation

**December 25** (Friday) 3:00 pm; **Organ Noels**; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation

**December 27** (Sunday) 5:00 pm; **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**; Cathedral Choir & Friends; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation

**January 10** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Organ Birthday Recital**; Stephen Williams, organ; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation

## Looking Ahead

### Attention all Organ Instructors!

On Sunday, February 21, (2:00 pm) our monthly meeting is being hosted by Becky Kleintop-Owens and some of her organ students at Moravian. The program will feature students currently studying organ. Please consider talking with your student(s) about participating! Any questions, please contact Drew Long at [along2214@gmail.com](mailto:along2214@gmail.com).

## March is now Marathon Plus

Have you had a chance to check out the organ renovation at Muhlenberg College, work completed by Berghaus? The March concert will be the perfect time! Our Bach Marathon recital is always a great draw, but some performers remarked about feeling restricted from so many other great works! So, this year we've branched out just a little to see how things go: join us March 13 for Bach plus.

The intent is to, yes, feature some of the countless Bach works out there, but dig up compositions or their composers that have links to Johann Sebastian Bach -- someone he studied or emulated, someone who studied with him, someone who revived his work, someone who wrote a composition based on themes from a Bach work, and the list goes on! Put this event on your calendar, and consider playing! It's amazing how quickly a 15 or 20 minute slot can be filled with great music to share with our audiences. March 13, 2016!

## Calling All Subs

Going forward the LVAGO board has decided to have the Organist Substitute List published in the monthly newsletter. If you would like to be included in this list please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; [sfbueker@rcn.com](mailto:sfbueker@rcn.com)

## Positions Available

### Music Director or Organist

**Church:** Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1742 Dinkey Road, P.O. Box 250, Ashfield, PA 18212-0250, 610-377-4242

**Website:** [www.dmlcashfield.com](http://www.dmlcashfield.com)

**Contact:** Rev. Anthony Pagotto, Pastor, 610-377-4242  
[prdklc@ptd.net](mailto:prdklc@ptd.net)

**Weekly services:** 1 at 8:30 am

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir — 6, Chime Choir — 10 – 12  
Responsible for ensembles if applying for Music Director

**Instruments:** 2 manual pipe organ

**Music budget:** \$100

**Weekly attendance:** 75-100

**Position fill date:** February 1, 2016

**Deadline:** Friday, January 15, 2016

**Total hours per week:** 6.75

**Salary:** \$6,500 – \$8,200

**Weeks vacation:** 2

**Benefits:** book/music allowance, secretarial assistance

**Notes:** None listed

### Director of Music Ministries(2)

**Church:** United Church of Christ, Greenawalds, 235 Albright Ave., Allentown, PA 18104, 610-435-1763

**Website:** [www.greenawalds.org](http://www.greenawalds.org)

**Contact:** Mark Griffith, 610-435-9901, [kgriff5@ptd.net](mailto:kgriff5@ptd.net)

**Weekly services:** 1

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir — 6

**Instruments:** Organ, baby grand piano

**Music budget:** None listed

**Weekly attendance:** 58

**Position fill date:** December 2015

**Deadline:** None listed

**Total hours per week:** 6

**Salary:** \$10,500 – \$12,500

**Weeks vacation:** 4

**Benefits:** None listed

**Notes:** Currently on a one day schedule where rehearsals and service are both conducted on Sundays.

### Organist/Choir Director (2)

**Church:** St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Williams Township, 2745 Morgan Hill Road, Easton, PA 18042, 610-252-3571

**Website:** <http://www.stjohnswilliams.com>

**Contact:** Kathleen Mathews (church Secretary), 610-533-8133 (Leave message), [kathleen.matthews@rcn.com](mailto:kathleen.matthews@rcn.com)

**Weekly services:** 1

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir — 3

**Instruments:** 2 manual tracker pipe organ, upright piano, keyboard

**Music budget:** \$200

**Weekly attendance:** 40 – 60

**Position fill date:** ASAP

**Deadline:** None

**Total hours per week:** 4

**Salary:** \$8,967.00 (starting)

**Weeks vacation:** 4 weeks

**Benefits:** secretarial assistance, music library assistance

**Notes:** Ours is a small country church with most choir members not being able to read music. Weekly Hymns

are chosen by our Pastor. We have a considerable Music Library but prefer Unison or Two-Part Harmonies for our Choral Pieces. We have been losing choir members to aging. We hope to be able to increase the membership of our choir with the addition of a new organist.

### Director of Music/Organist (2)

**Church:** Dryland United Church of Christ, 4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064, 610-759-4444

**Website:** [www.drylanducc.org](http://www.drylanducc.org)

**Contact:** Joyce Hittinger, 610-866-6516, [oljer@rcn.com](mailto:oljer@rcn.com)

**Weekly services:** 1 – 2

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir — 12, Youth Choir — 4, Handbells — 10 (Not responsible for handbells)

**Instruments:** Allen Organ, Yamaha Clavinova, Charles R. Walter piano in choir room

**Music budget:** \$1,200 — all choirs

**Weekly attendance:** 80 – 100

**Position fill date:** December 2015

**Deadline:** TBD

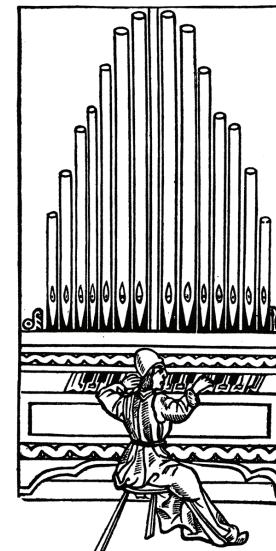
**Total hours per week:** 6 – 10

**Salary:** \$12,000 – \$13,000

**Weeks vacation:** 4

**Benefits:** None

**Notes:** None listed



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**Newsletter Deadline:** February: Mid January, 2016