

A Letter From the Dean

Dear Members and Friends,

I write this on Ash Wednesday evening, as we begin the season of Lent. This month in your AGO chapter, we are looking forward to hearing from Hope Dance Professor Linda Graham at our next program, on Monday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Ave CRC, about Sacred Dance. Linda is a member of Hope Church and has a wealth of experience with sacred dance. She has danced often in our services, and often choreographs dance numbers for us to use in Advent worship. She will be talking to us about how we as musicians can work well with dancers, and also will be happy to answer any questions you have on this subject.

Micah Vanderhill was so kind as to set this meeting up for us, and I wanted to share with you all that his daughter, Clara VanderHill, was born June 8th 2018. Congrats to the VanderHill family!

I'd like to also introduce another new member of our chapter to you.

Hi, my name is Karen Howells. I have been a music therapist and a music teacher in my past life, with major concentration on voice and piano. I learned to play the guitar (just enough to get by) when I was an intern in a large mental health hospital. I found it was better to face my patients than to have my back to them while playing the piano.

I learned to play the organ mostly by necessity and most of my gigs have been as a substitute. I was an organist in Manistee where I met Linda Strouf (currently at Third Reformed) when she was in middle school and she would sub for me. I became a member of the AGO in Flint, MI where I met Julia Colingsworth and also Bob Ruddy and we all worked together occasionally there. The last 6 1/2 years I lived in Muncie, Indiana and was part of the AGO there.

I moved to Holland a few months ago after the death of my husband in December, 2017 to be closer to a daughter, Dr. Margret Duncan. I love looking at the snow and am not too fond of the rain that washes it away. Am looking forward to meeting the AGO members here and being part of this community.

Peace, Karen

Please welcome Karen to the area and the AGO when you have a chance to see her at musical events.

We are looking ahead to April's meeting, which will be held at Hope Church and feature Pastor Gordon Wiersma and Musician Brian Carder talking about how they have worked together for the last 20 years successfully. This is the second in our series hearing from local Clergy-Musician duos who have worked together long and well.

And don't forget our members recital on Sunday, May 19 at 5 p.m. at Second Reformed in Zeeland.

Finally, if you have been considering registering for our regional convention, this is the time to do it (especially if you are Dutch!) The early bird registration rates will end on March 15, and you do not want to miss out on that! We are looking forward to a great convention, with lots of regional and national talent, and all the best organs in GR and the Holland area. It will be June 30 - July 3. Check the website to learn more. www.grago2019.org

Looking forward to seeing you at a future musical event.

Happy March!

Rhonda

Chapter programs for 2018-19

March 25 – 7:30 p.m. - 14th CRC - Sacred Dance with Hope College Prof. Linda Graham - The head of the dance department at Hope College, Linda will answer questions you have about sacred dance, how it can be used in worship, and some best practices for collaborating with dancers.

April 30 – 7:30 p.m. Hope Church – Musician-Clergy Relations, with Brian Carder and the Pastors at Hope Church – the second in our series, after last year's very successful event at Grace Episcopal.

May 19 – 5 p.m. – Second Reformed of Zeeland – Members Recital (on the newly installed organ!) Start thinking about what you'd like to play.

June – End of year Potluck, location TBD

Other local programs of interest

Sunday, March 24 – 5 p.m. - Organ Concert at Second Reformed in Zeeland – Ronald Krebs, VP of Reuter Organ Company

Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 p. m. - Jack Miller Center for Musical Arts, Hope College – Nicole Simental - Donia Recital

AGO Great Lakes Regional Convention in Grand Rapids

Mark your calendars, because this year's Great lakes regional convention will be held in Grand Rapids, June 30-July 3 and features a Holland day! Early bird registration is available until March 15. Even if you can't attend the entire convention, daily rates are also available. Look for both regional artists and nationally known names.

On the Holland day (July 2) Rhonda will play the Pasi at Grace, David Heinze will play the Skinner in Dimnent, Huw Lewis will play the Casavant in the Jack Miller concert hall, and the evening concert will be Lynne Davis at the Cathedral of St Andrew in Grand Rapids.

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2018-2019 Calendar		
Mon Mar 25, 7:30 p.m.	Sacred Dance in Worship – Linda Graham from Hope College	14 th Street Christian Reformed Church, Holland
Tue April 30, 7:30 p.m.	Musician-Clergy Relations – Brian Carder and Hope Church Pastors	Hope Church, Holland
Sun May 19, 5:00 p.m.	Annual Members Recital	Second Reformed Church, Zeeland
Jun TBA	Annual Picnic	TBA
Jun 30-Jul 3	AGO Great Lakes Regional Convention	Grand Rapids & Holland