

A Letter From the Dean

Dear AGO Colleagues,

Who would have thought that another year would find us still meeting the challenges of COVID. I am your third board member to go through it, but happily, I am recovering at this point. Omicron hits those of us who were vaccinated as well as those who were not.

We are going ahead with our meeting this month. It is a mini-organ crawl on Monday, February 21. We will gather at Zion Lutheran Church, 77 West 32nd Street in Holland at 7 p.m. At 7:45 we will go to Bethany Christian Reformed Church, 11 East 32nd Street, also in Holland. Following that we will go to First Reformed Church, 630 State Street in Holland to have a music swap. Bring duplicates you may own, or music you would like to donate to someone else and look for something new for yourself. We will forego refreshments out of caution. Masks strongly encouraged! Rick Van Oss is hosting this meeting.

We have two more new members, both "young organists." Stephen Rumler is serving at Grace Episcopal and I have yet to make his acquaintance. Fletcher Wernholm lives in Stanton, Michigan, and we will be a secondary chapter for him. He is 15 years old and attends Great Lakes Adventist Academy where they have a Rogers T 967 organ. Playing the organ is his passion. He is currently organist at three Adventist churches every week and on Sunday he plays at a Lutheran church. Four services a week! Fletcher has a 13 year old brother. Since he is not old enough to drive, he hopes he can persuade a neighboring organist to bring him down

It is nice to know that two of our recent new members, Maddy Burton and Jacob Brents, are now taking lessons. Cheers!

For any of you who were not able to attend the virtual workshop on Rewards and Challenges in the Life of a Part-Time Organist, which Rhonda Edgington facilitated, it has been recorded. Contact her if you are interested in watching it. Two of our members were on the panel, Aaron Goodyke and Gordon Bruns.

Our sister chapter in Grand Rapids is eager to have more applicants for the Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition. Applications must be received by February 15. The competition will be held at Mayflower Congregational Church on March 14. The scholarship prize is worth \$1750.

Reminder: Aaron Goodyke sent out an invitation to an organ recital this coming Sunday, February 13, 5 p.m. by Dr. Richard Newman as part of the sacred series at Second Reformed Church in Zeeland.

Looking forward to March 21, the composer Larry Visser will be with us. A number of you had offered to play compositions by Larry if the program had happened last year, and hopefully you are still willing to play. It will be at Second Reformed in Zeeland.

Sending you each warm wishes. Keep the faith!

Julia Colingsworth Holland AGO Dean

Second Reformed Church of Zeeland Invites the Community to Second Series: Sublime Art in a Sacred Space

The Music Ministry at Second Church is delighted to welcome members of the community to this monthly concert series. Featured in February is guest Organist Richard Newman who will present works by Philip Moore, Percy Whitlock, Craig Phillips, Jean-Phillippe Rameau, Myron Roberts, Rachel Laurin, Paul Hindemith and Robert Elmore.

The free concert will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 in the sanctuary of the church, located at 225 E. Central Avenue. Guests are cordially invited to remain for refreshments and for an opportunity to meet Dr. Newman following the concert. Convenient parking is available at the corner of Church Street and Cherry Ave., with accessible entry from the parking lot into and throughout the building.

Richard Newman is a native of Copperhill, Tennessee and attended St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, Sewanee, Tennessee, where he studied organ with Robert Delcamp. He is a 2006 graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where he studied with Huw Lewis and was a choral singer and organist for the Hope College Chapel Choir European Tour. During a part of his time at Hope College Richard Newman served as organist at Second Reformed Church of Zeeland. During the summer of 2008, he accompanied the choirs of All Saints Church, Worcester, Massachusetts for their tour to Gloucester, Hereford, and Worcester Cathedral in England. Additionally, he accompanied the choir of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, Michigan during their residency at Chichester and Southwark Cathedrals in England.

Dr. Newman completed his work toward the Doctorate of Music at the University of Michigan in 2013, where he was in the organ class of James Kibbie and a harpsichord student of Edward Parmentier. Before his recent appointment as Director of Music Ministries at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Michigan, he held the positions as Director of Music at Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia, Associate Organist at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, and Organ Scholar at Detroit's St. John's Episcopal Church.

His interests include restoring fountain pens, collecting stamps, and playing board games.

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2021-2022 Calendar		
Mon Feb 21, 7:00 p.m.	South side Holland organ crawl, ending at the First Reformed Church's music library	Starting location: Zion Lutheran Church, 77 West 32 nd St., Holland
Sat Mar 12, 2:00 p.m.	Bethany Dame's Junior Recital	Hope College Dimnemt Chapel
Mon Mar 21, 7:30 p.m.	Larry Visser's Music	2 nd Reformed Church, Zeeland
Mon Apr 25, 7:30 p.m.	Music for organ with other instruments	TBA
Mon Jun 20, 6:00	Annual members picnic	Judy Koeman's house

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