

A Letter From the Dean

Dear AGO Colleagues,

As usual, September crept up on me. It still seems like summer with these beautiful days we are having. I can't remember a time when there were more picture perfect days in a row. My two new exchange students, Julia from Poland, and Alissa from Italy, will be in for a rude awakening before too long, I am afraid. So far they have thoroughly enjoyed Michigan!

The first item is a BIG THANK YOU to the Koemans for the warm hospitality we enjoyed at the June picnic in their lovely home in Hamilton. We had a nice crowd including some of our newer members. What a treat to just sit and relax. I believe there were about 18 of us. We appreciated all the preparations Koemans had made. Their entertaining us was the same week as a granddaughter's wedding, so it was especially generous that they hosted us.

Here we are, starting a new season. Our September meeting will be on Saturday, September 17 at Hope Church, 77 W. 11th Street in Holland. Come for Bowerman's donuts and coffee or tea at 9:30 and there will be a program to follow some social time. Featured will be Bernard Wayne Sanders who is organist at St. Gallus and Mary Queen of Heaven in Tuttingen, Germany. He has composed extensively for the organ. Some titles which intrigue me are Welsh Hymn Tune Sampler, Four Preludes for Hope, and Four Preludes for Trust. Born in Wisconsin in 1957, he has degrees from Norbert College, Wichita State University, and Hochschule fur Musik in Hamburg. Rhonda Edgington will interview him about his experience being a church musician in Europe and will play some of his accessible pieces.

On Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m. there will be a recital of his music at Hope Church. All are invited to this as well.

Our chapter continues to welcome new members. We are pleased that Anthony Leva has chosen us as a secondary chapter. His primary chapter is Greater Lansing. Most recently, Ms. Ruth Leuam Champassak has joined as a young organist. She lives in Holland, and is going to have three secondary chapters, Grand Rapids, Middlesex, and Hawaii. She is our tenth new member in the past year.

I would heartily encourage you new members to come and join us for a get acquainted time at our first meeting. We are so happy to have you.

Your recently elected board will be announcing the schedule for the year in the coming weeks.

Your dean,

Julia Colingsworth

Bernard Wayne Sanders West Michigan Events

Organist Rhonda Sider Edgington will perform works of award-winning American composer Bernard Wayne Sanders in a series of concerts in West Michigan in September.

Friday, Sept 16 at 7:30pm in the chapel of Calvin University, where she will be joined by Calvin prof John Varineau on clarinet.

Sunday, Sept 18 at 3pm at Hope Church in Holland, where she will be joined by Ellen Rizner on violin, and Jayne Gort on flute.

Sanders won the AGO Year of the Organ composition prize for his piece Ornament of Grace, which will be performed at both concerts. He recently retired from a musical career spent in Germany, most recently as Director of Music at the church of St Gallus and Mary in Tuttlingen, (Southwest Germany), and will be in attendance for both concerts to offer commentary on his compositions. Saunders' organ works are published in the US by Concordian and Lorenz.

Edgington will also be performing in Sander's home state of Wisconsin the weekend previous, for the Northeast Wisconsin chapter of the AGO, in a concert in Appleton, WI

Saint Adalbert Organ Event

From Peter Kurdziel: The Inaugural Recital on the newly restored organ of the Basilica of Saint Adalbert will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.

2022-2023 Calendar		
Sat Sep 17, 9:30 a.m.	Bernard Wayne Sanders: His music for organ and instruments, and his easy, hymn-based service music.	Hope Church, Holland

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