

A Letter From the Dean

Dear AGO Colleagues,

Thank you to all those who participated in the member recital in February, and to Aaron Goodyke for coordinating this very nice program of music that is appropriate for Lent and Easter. A special thanks to Aaron's mother-in-law for the fantastic spread of goodies which followed. We were pleased that a number of members of Second Reformed attended the recital.

Now we look toward the meeting for March. It will be on Monday, March 11, 7:30 at the home of Sander Owens, 16675 Greenley Street, Holland 49424. The topic is Virtual Home Pipe Organs. This topic intrigues me and I hope it will intrigue all of you. Sander is our student representative on the Holland AGO board.

Speaking of students, we have quite a few new student members. This is terrific, and we welcome all of you. Let's all make an effort to meet and greet these members. Our current students are Matthew Beauchamp, Austin James Becksvoort, Derek Bostrom, Caitlyn Brown, Bethany Dame, Joseph Fogt, Evelyn Foote, Samuel Grosskreuz, Hannah Knot, Ruth LeuamChamppassak, Barbara Miller, Sander Owens, Jesse Puglia, Samuel Schuler, and Fletcher Wernholm.

Concerning the time for the meeting, we have generally been meeting at 7:30 for quite a few years. It has been suggested that perhaps 7:00 would be better. I believe that the reason for meeting at 7:30 was to accommodate members who are teaching lessons. At any rate, if you have an opinion one way or another, feel free to speak up about it at the next meeting. It certainly can be moved up if the majority would rather meet earlier.

It won't be long until we will be looking for a slate of officers for next year. If you have interest in being on the nominating committee, please let your dean know. You can also make it known if you have interest in being on the board.

By now you should all have received the membership directory. As our editor Paul Dalman explained, it was held up by the fact that the national office is requiring that we have each person's permission before publishing our directory.

Please mark our three remaining meetings on your calendar: April 15, May 13, and June 17. The May date we are hosting the composer Michael Burkhardt, so feel free to invite colleagues or members of your church. We expect this to be a very big event. In regards to the Annual Picnic on June 17, we are looking for a location, so if you feel so inclined to host it, let us know.

With wishes for a spiritually meaningful season,

Julia Colingsworth

Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition



ANNAMAE ROTMAN Young Organist Competition

Now is the time to encourage entrants for this competition.

*The Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition was founded in 2013 by
Dr. Richard Rotman in honor of his mother and is an annual competition.
We thank him for his generous support of young organists.*

ANNAMAE ROTMAN YOUNG ORGANIST COMPETITION – 2024

- Eligibility – A competitor must be 24 years of age or under as of August 1 of the competition year and be a resident of Kent County, MI or any county adjacent to Kent County and/or a resident student attending a junior high school, senior high school, college, or university in Kent County or any county adjacent to Kent County (Ottawa, Muskegon, Newaygo, Montcalm, Ionia, Barry, or Allegan Counties)
- Competition Date – April 15, 2024
- Application Date – Due by March 15, 2024. A maximum of four applications will be accepted based on date of receipt.

Go to <https://grago.org/competitions/> for details and the registration form.

2023-2024 Calendar		
Mar 11, 7:30 p.m.	Virtual Home Pipe Organs	Sander Owens' Home, 16675 Greenley Street, Holland 49424
Apr 15	Introducing and Playing New Hymns	Location TBA
May 13	Workshop with guest composer Michael Burkhardt	Location TBA
Jun 17	Annual potluck picnic	Location TBA

Chapter Officers for 2023-2024

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