

Dean's Message for September, 2018

Welcome to our Chapter's 61st season! As your new Dean, I encourage you to attend the programs our Events Committee has carefully planned for your musical enjoyment and enrichment.

Our first program on Friday, Sept. 21 will be a panel led discussion on printed and online resources specific to various denominations followed by a lunch/social. Note the need for reservations for a lunch count.

Our "Voice for Life" workshop on Saturday morning, Oct. 27, should be a helpful stimulant to all of us who lead and/or sing in volunteer choirs. Andrew Walker, our guest clinician, will focus on healthy singing while giving tips on how to improve blend and balance at any age.

We are pleased to announce chair persons for three important projects:

Dwane Grace -- updates to our chapter operating rules
Dr. Charles Wolf -- research on a foundation and grants
David Guyet -- "Pass It On" organ music project

Please see David's article. Last spring our chapter sent the first package of members' "Pass It On" music to Laura Ellis for her students at U/Florida, Gainesville, and here are some responses from three of her students: "Thank you for the fabulous donation of organ music.....Bach to Bolcom.As a young organist, I am grateful to have these books.....Thank you.....it will be so useful for me as a new church musician."

While at the July AGO national convention in Kansas City, I attended a seminar on chapter growth and leadership. Among several good suggestions, the most important one reinforced the need for each of us to welcome new chapter members and to initiate contact with non-member colleagues and strangers, preferably in person.

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together"
Vincent Van Gogh

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