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DEAN'S LETTER

Summer – that time when we get some time to renew and refresh our bodies and our minds. As an AGO Chapter it is also a time to reflect on the year past. The GGAGO has seen some great progress over the last year – we successfully grew our membership through the “Grow the Guild” program, we have begun the process of putting down on paper the Operating Procedures of our Chapter and more clearly defining the roles of the Executive Board, and we have made some progress toward the start of disbursing funds from the Mike Hill Scholarship Program.

To that end, summer is also the time when we devote our Chapter programming attention to the Mike Hill Scholarship Recital Series – our main fund raiser for the Hill Scholarships. The last Sunday of June, July and August, we will be joining together to hear organists of our Chapter perform in free recitals in which we will take a free will offering to benefit the Mike Hill Scholarships.

Over the next months we hope that you will be able to take part in the Summer Recital Series. Also be on the lookout for the final document that outlines our Operating Procedures. This will be approved by a whole Chapter Meeting in the Fall.

The entire Board wishes you a wonderful and relaxing summer, filled with both refreshment and learning!

Michael Dougherty
 Director of Music and the Arts
 Wesley Memorial UMC
 High Point, NC



Mission Statement
The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

Michael V. Hill Summer Concert Series

JUNE 24 | 4 PM

**First Lutheran Church
3600 W. Friendly Avenue
Greensboro**

Michael was a longtime member of our chapter and served faithfully for many years as Organist at First Baptist Church in High Point as well as Engraver at Wayne Leupold Editions in Colfax, NC. Michael's dedication and service will continue live on through this Summer Series and Scholarship Fund.

With the generous initial gift given upon Michael's death as well as the great success of our 2011 Regional Convention the

JULY 29 | 4 PM

**First Presbyterian Church
918 N. Main Street
High Point**

scholarship fund has finally reached enough principal to begin being dispersed. It is the goal of the Executive Committee to form a separate scholarship sub-committee so rules and requirements can be established regarding disbursement of the funds. If you would like more information about the fund or are interested in serving on this sub-committee please contact our dean Michael Dougherty.

Our Summer Concert Series donations will go to benefit the

AUGUST 26 | 4 PM

**West Market Street UMC
302 W. Market Street
Greensboro**

Michael V. Hill Scholarship Fund. It is through these donations and gifts that we hope to increase the scholarship fund principal so more young persons can benefit from this great opportunity each year. If you are interested in giving please attend our Summer Series Concerts as well as mailing us a check today. Please make your checks payable to "Greater Greensboro AGO" and in the memo section write "Hill Scholarship Fund." We hope to see you this summer!

Employment Opportunity

Becks Lutheran Church (ELCA) of Lexington, NC is seeking a part-time organist/choir director to plan and prepare music for one weekly traditional/liturgical 10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service. The successful candidate will also provide direction and accompaniment for one weekly Chancel Choir rehearsal which is currently held on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. In addition to these primary responsibilities, the organist shall prepare and provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for all special services: seasonal and non-seasonal. The organist will play for weddings and funerals according to availability with compensation to be determined by the involved parties. A two Manual 20-rank Möller Organ, rebuilt in 1992, and a Kawai Grand Piano are used in the Sanctuary. Four weeks of vacation annually are included in the compensation package which shall be determined commensurate with experience. Becks Lutheran Church would also welcome contact by anyone willing to act in the capacity of substitute organist. Resumes may be sent to:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Choristers Guild Directors
Enrichment Conference
featuring Andrea Ramsey

June 8-9

Oak Ridge UMC
2424 Oak Ridge Road
Oak Ridge, NC 27310

Website:

www.choristersguild.org

Info: Directors of children's and youth choirs in church or school settings will not want to miss this conference with clinician and composer Andrea Ramsey, "The Choral Experience: Putting it all Together". Five practical, focused, and fun sessions will address topics including icebreakers and games, developing tone, conducting skills, and rehearsal planning. The two-day event also includes inspirational worship services and an opportunity for participants to "troubleshoot" their pressing choir questions with one of the most exciting young clinicians in the nation. For more information and to register, visit www.choristersguild.org/events.html

Mark Kroos, guitar

June 10 | 6:30 PM

First Lutheran Church
3600 W. Friendly Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27410

Mark Kroos, the winner of the Guitar Player Magazine's 2011 Guitar Superstar competition. Mark plays both necks of his double guitar at the same time. He is an energetic Christian performer who is no stranger to many folks in Greensboro; he has appeared here in concert and has developed quite a following. It is an exciting event to be able to host Mark Kroos here at First Lutheran Church. Mark will share his gift with a musical offering and "minute of self-introduction" at both the 9 and 10:30 morning services.

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