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# April 2021 Pipings



*from the Dean, Dr. Jason A. Wright*

Dear Colleagues & Friends,

Happy Eastertide to you all!

It seems like forever since I last wrote an article for our newsletter! It feels good to start getting back to a regular routine.

I hope all of you have been watching the virtual programs that our chapter has been putting on during this semester. I think each program has been well-done. A huge thank you to board members who have either contributed to these programs or have secured a presenter. If you haven't tuned in, please do!

To kick off the summer, we are going to have our first organ festival. On the series this year will be two out-of-state organists and one of our own local artists. Dr. André Lash has recently retired from UNC-Greensboro as professor of organ. He also served as organist at Christ UMC, which houses one of the last C.B. Fisk organs voiced by Charlie Fisk. Our own Dr. Pamela Kane studied with him during her DMA program at UNC-G. Dr. Janette Fishell is chair of the organ department and a professor of music at Jacob School of Music at Indiana University. She was my college organ teacher. Dr. Joosoo Son is the director of music at Providence Presbyterian on Hilton Head Island and holds a DMA from Eastman School of Music. Please plan on attending these three concerts and bring a row of friends along with you!

Dr. Kane and I are beginning to sketch out next year's programs and concerts! It's exciting to think that this fall we will be back together in-person!!! I hope you have renewed energy and are looking forward to a return normalcy!

Until then, get your vaccines, stay safe and healthy!

Musically,  
JAW



*from the Sub-Dean, Dr. Pamela Kane*

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We, at Saint Gregory the Great, are privileged to have as members, a family whose daughter is a nun with the Sisters in Jesus the Lord who serves in Vladivostok. The reason I am particularly excited about this is that Mother Stella (as she is known in her community) is also an organist! In late January, Mother Stella was heard on the Catholic Channel Sirius XM 129, "Sounds from the Spires" hosted weekly by Jennifer Pascual, the Director of Music at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. Here is a link of the interview. I hope that you find Mother Stella's story as interesting as I did. Oh...and be sure to listen all the way to the end so that you don't miss her playing some lesser-known Russian organ music.

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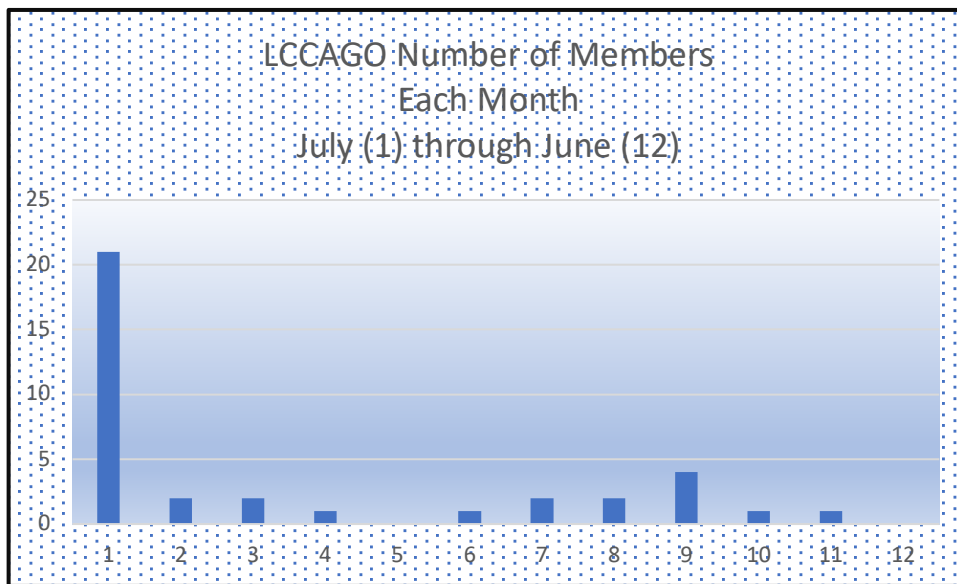
*from the Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Hollinger*

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LCCAGO's Membership stands at 24 Voting Members and 11 Non-Voting (Friend) Members. As memberships renew throughout the year, most renewals occur in July as shown below. For the current 2020-2021 AGO Fiscal Year from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the renewals generate about \$900 in Chapter Income. As of March 15, 2021, our Chapter Membership Income is \$835.00, and is expected to be at least

\$899.00 by June 30 presuming all remaining renewals are paid by then.

As of March 15, 2021, Chapter Funds in our Checking Account is at \$9,280.00. That balance is the result of accumulating membership income and event income throughout the history of the Chapter. That balance includes reserved Scholarship Funding of \$750.00.



The Chapter operates on a Budget that has been approved. The Budget income and expense categories are monitored monthly in three main categories: 100: Membership and Event Income; 200 Administrative Expenses; 300 Event Expenses.

As of March 15, 2021, our FY 2021-21 Income is \$835.00 from Membership Dues and our Expenses are \$451.03. The expenses include \$351.03 for maintenance of our website and domain name and \$100.00 contributed to the National AGO Fund. For the remainder of the year, we expect to have expenses and income from our June 2021 Concert such that the net income less expense is nearly zero.

The Board Minutes include the monthly Treasurer's Report including monitoring of the budget Year-to-Date income and expense balances. This year, because of COVID-19, our event income and expenses are nearly zero. We had originally planned several major events with balance income and expenses for them, but since they have not occurred, there is no impact on the Budget to-Date.

The Chapter Operating Procedures have been updated to be in reconciliation with the latest (2020) National Bylaws and with the current organization and operation of the Chapter. These new Operating procedures will be presented to The Chapter for approval shortly, and when approved, will be submitted to National as required by the National Bylaws.

The LCCAGO Board meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. Minutes from these meetings are posted on the Chapter Website so that membership can follow discussions and actions taken by The Board. Comments to any of the Board Meeting Minutes may be sent to any or all of the Board Members.



*from the Director of Publication, Nicholas Ruden*

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**Website:**

Please note that our website address changed a few months ago.

[www.lcagochapter.org](http://www.lcagochapter.org)

**Facebook**

Have you “Liked” us on Facebook? If not search lcagochapter

**Newsletters**

Beginning this month, we will return to our monthly newsletters. New and previously published copies may be found on our website. [www.lcagochapter.org](http://www.lcagochapter.org).

**Member Login Area:**

Under the Membership login area, you will find both the Membership Directory & each month’s board minutes. The member password is 20AGO20.

**Community Music Event Calendar:**

As COVID numbers begin to lessen and your church or institution begins to schedule events, please share them with the AGO so that we can place them on our Community Music Event Calendar.

*from the Chaplain, The Rev. Denise Ann Trogon*

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Spring has sprung! We can just look around us and see what was barren coming to life. It has been a long year, as we have all struggled to find our equilibrium in this pandemic. With

vaccines becoming available, and numbers slowly decreasing, the hope of gathering together again becomes more real. Likewise, longer days, early morning bird’s songs and the budding trees are harbingers of new life right around the corner.

Our spiritual journey mirrors that of creation. Life, death, resurrection, and renewal, pattern our days and years, allowing us to walk through winter’s barrenness with faith that new life will emerge. Spring is a time to open up the doors and windows of our hearts and let the fresh breeze of the Spirit fill us. But the new life ahead will certainly not mirror the old, and we are entering a liminal place. With excitement and faith, look to the days ahead as your creative space, where new possibilities await. God is good and will walk with you in your journey as you seek God’s will and purpose.

This Eastertide my prayer for you is that you lean into this pattern of life, death, resurrection and renewal. Let go of what must die to let new life begin. Live it fully through your Holy Week journey and look for the ways God is inspiring you to new

creation. Ready your hearts, for the buds of new hope are appearing. I leave you with words from a familiar and beautiful Easter hymn, *Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain*:

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

(The Hymnal 1982, Hymn No. 204, vs. 1 & 4)

Eastertide Blessings to you all,  
The Rev. Denise Trogdon+

## Membership

If you have questions about your membership, need to renew your membership, or change information as it is listed on ONCARD, please visit <https://www.agohq.org/membership/>. If you know of someone who isn't an organist, but loves organ music, please encourage them to join our chapter.

## Online Directory

The 2020/2021 Director may be found on our website under Membership. Please remember to use member's information for personal correspondences only. Please know that musical events at your parish can be listed and advertised on our website Community Music Calendar, which are included in our newsletters.

## AGOHQ.org

Have you been checking out the National AGO website? If not, there is smorgasbord of items of interests from virtual webinars and workshops to information about both national and guild events.

## Area Vacancies

### **Sea Island Presbyterian Church - Beaufort**

Minister of Music/Organist

Contact: The Rev. Steve Keeler, *senior minister*  
skeeler@seaislandpresbyterian.org

### **Christ Lutheran Church - Hilton Head Island**

Organist

Contact: Dr. Tamara Kuhlmann, *acting director of music*  
drkuhl83@gmail.com

## Nominating Committee

The Executive Board at its April meeting elected 3 members, including Dr. Pamela Kane (chair) to serve as the Nominating Committee. This committee is charged with filling one two-year Member-At-Large term. It is a great time to consider serving your local AGO board.

## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting has been set for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This meeting will be held via Zoom. Please use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86351604076?pwd=NjdzMtZpanpNMXdaSkJiWVlWWUdHQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 5160 4076

Passcode: 3001



# 2021 Lowcountry Summer Organ Festival



**Sunday, June 27, 2021; 3pm**

**Dr. André Lash**

St. Helena Church, Beaufort

Suggested donation \$20

Dr. Lash will also be giving a lecture and masterclass on Iberian organ music at St. Helena on Saturday, June 26 at 10am to noon.



**Tuesday, July 13, 2021; 7pm**

**Dr. Janette Fishell**

All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island

Suggested donation \$20



**Friday, August 13, 2021; Noon**

**Dr. JooSoo Son**

Providence Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island

Suggested donation \$20

# AGOYO Virtual Programs

**Something for everyone!**  
**AGOYO virtual program year 20-21**

## **FRIDAYS AT NOON EST**

videos will be premiered at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/GuildofOrganists>

**August 14-** Organ crawl: West Point Chapel

**September 11-** Workshop:

Church musicians and technology

**September 25-** Panel: Organists of colors

**October 9-** Panel: The Global Organist

**November 13-** Organ crawl: Longwood Gardens

**December 11-** Organ factory tour: Austin Organ Co.

**January 8-** Webinar:

Young conductors/organists guide to church music

**February 12-** Organ crawl: Wanamaker

**March 12-** Panel:

Board positions in the guild/serving in leadership roles

**April 9-** Organ factory tour: Taylor & Boody

**May 7, 14, 21, 28-** Young organist recitals

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