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April 2020 Pipings



A NOTE FROM YOUR DEAN

These are definitely trying times. Churches are closed and our usual social life has been temporarily curtailed. I know many of us are recording services with our church staff and then streaming them out to our congregations. I have heard back from many of those congregants, and their remarks are encouraging. They have said they are so appreciative of being able to listen to the music, prayers and sermon despite the fact that they are not in the actual church. This makes me feel like we still have a service to provide and that our chosen profession is a valuable asset. Keep up your good work.

Our Friday Noon Concert in March, was hosted by Nina Rodman at St. Luke's. We had a small gathering who were very appreciative. Nina, Beth, Gil and I played music appropriate for the Lenten season. Thank you to all who participated.

Our Good Friday Noon concert has been canceled and at this time we do not know what our May plans will be. The May Noon Friday concert is supposed to be presented by your Board at Low Country Presbyterian Church in Bluffton. We were also going to have our Annual Meeting on May 18th. These two events have been put on hold until further notice.

Please stay safe, wash your hands and be healthy,

Debby

A Note from Your Sub-Dean:

My dear friends and colleagues, although it is a bleak time for all of us, it can only battle its way up to where we may be once again be making music. My heart is with all of our musicians – jazz, symphony, sacred music and more. I was pleased to learn today that the Hilton Head Symphony, in a gesture of good will and assistance, will provide 25% of income to each performing musician for those concerts that have been cancelled.

It would likewise be a kind gesture if those churches who use independent contractors (organists, pianists), reach out with some kind of assistance to cover all the Sundays and other services that have been cancelled – a stipend or perhaps a grocery gift card. Would that not make us feel appreciated and valued....? We are struggling too.

Please stay healthy and find refreshment during this down time. I keep saying that I am going to reorganize and tidy up my music library and I have yet to do that. Bide your time – it's gonna be all right.

Beth

CALL FOR CANDIDATES for Officers of our Chapter:

You are invited to nominate candidates for the following positions: Dean, Sub-Dean, Treasurer.

Please send your nominee to Beth Corry, corrymusic@yahoo.com. Your candidate must be an active LCCAGO member. We will vote at the Annual Meeting in May. If we cannot meet, we will vote electronically.

BYLINE: Wondering how you may qualify for financial assistance?
From NBC News - I'm self-employed and didn't previously qualify for unemployment. Am I eligible now?

Yes. This bill creates a new program, called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, that extends benefits to gig workers, contractors and other who wouldn't otherwise qualify for unemployment compensation but cannot work due to the coronavirus emergency. You'll get \$600/week, plus half the average unemployment benefit in your state.

A Note from your Secretary:

If any Chapter member has information or news needing publicity, please contact Gil Campbell gilonhhi@gmail.com

New organists have moved to our area, and some members from previous years have not renewed memberships for this year. Please contact Greg Hollinger greglhollinger@yahoo.com

When you meet new musical friends please tell them about our chapter and encourage them to join with us at our concerts, programs and activities.



New Website Launched

We have launched our new website. The website was designed by Nick Ruden, partner of member Dr. Jason A. Wright. Jason will now oversee the new website and will take over our Facebook account in the coming month.

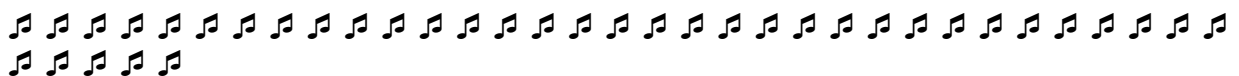
Jason is looking to collect pictures from 2019 and 2020 to include on certain pages of the website. He is also interested in pictures from the founding year for the history page. If you have pictures please e-mail them to him at lowcountryago@gmail.com.

The new website has a member's area. To access click the area, hover your mouse over the Membership tab and select "Member Login." **The new password for 2020 is 20AGO20.**

Facebook

Check out our Chapter **FACEBOOK group page** and "Like" us

Search The American Guild of Organists Low County Chapter #461 and join our group!



Chapter Web Site www.lccago.org

National AGO Web Site www.agohq.org



Photo of Second Friday Recital March 13,2020 at St. Luke's Church, Hilton Head Island SC: Beth Corry, Debby Graves, Gil Campbell and Nina Rodman

News from AGO Headquarters in New York City

AGOHQ Offices | CLOSED

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued a mandate for all workers in nonessential businesses across New York State to stay home in an effort to combat the spread of the coronavirus. In compliance with this mandate, the AGO National Headquarters office is closed until further notice.



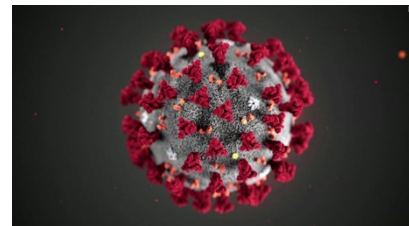
The AGO staff of 13 includes six who work in New York City regularly, one in upstate New York, two in New Jersey, one in Massachusetts, two in Florida, and one in California. All AGO staff are now working remotely from home and will be able to assist our members by telephone and e-mail in the same way as we normally do. Contact information for all staff can be found by [clicking here](#).

Please send no postal mail to AGOHQ at this time as all mail is being held by the U.S. Post Office.

Postponements and New Deadlines Due to COVID-19

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a number of AGO programs are being postponed or canceled. Please check with your local chapter regarding local events.

- The March 15 deadline for chapters to apply to host a POE in 2021 has been extended until April 1. [Click here](#) for full information.
- The March 31 deadline for the administration of the Service Playing Certificate (SPC) has been extended to May 16.
- April 30 is the last day to cast your vote in the AGO National and Regional Elections. Watch for your e-ballot scheduled to arrive on April 1.
- The May 8 AGO Gala honoring Karen McFarlane has been postponed until 2021.
- The May 8 Colleague (CAGO) examination has been canceled. Candidates registered for the exam may postpone to the November 13 test date OR request a full refund of their exam fee(s). [E-mail](#) for more information.
- The May 17 premier performance of the winning piece in the 2020 Pogorzelski-Yankee
- Annual Competition has been postponed indefinitely.



AGO National Convention

July 6-10, 2020

With more than 800 people already registered for the Atlanta Convention and more than 1,750 room nights reserved at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Atlanta, now is an ideal time to plan your trip if you have not done so already. Watch a welcome video by [clicking here](#).



[Schedule](#)
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Numerous sponsorship opportunities are now available. For details, contact Mark Neidig, maneidig@agohq.org.

Exhibit space is available. Contact Exhibits2020ATL@gmail.com.

Advertise in the program book, individual program booklets, and the mobile app. Contact Maury.Castro@agohq.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Pipe Organ Encounters

2020 POEs

Do you know someone who could benefit from attending a Pipe Organ Encounter? The AGO is sponsoring eight events in 2020 for young new organists, young advanced organists, and adults (beginning to advanced) who are seeking five days of instruction in organ playing. For dates and locations of all 2020 POE events, [click here](#).



Concert Events in our Area

As noted in the messages from our Dean and Sub-Dean all future concerts and events sponsored by our Chapter in our area have been cancelled or postponed.

This applies also to concerts scheduled at St. Helena's Church in Beaufort SC.

We will advise you if and when clearance is given to resume events and concerts.

We are hopeful we will be able to hold our May 18, 2020 Annual Meeting. If that is cancelled, we will advise you on how to submit election ballots electronically.

Member Profile: JooSoo Son



I was born and raised in a Christian family in Seoul, South Korea. God's grace and protection were evident in my early life, but it was not until my early 30s, I became a follower of Jesus as I experienced the power of His Words as I studied the Bible with gifted and dedicated teachers in the United States. I must confess that the salvation by God's grace and the love of Jesus have changed the purpose of my life.

I went to the Korean National University of Arts in Seoul, Korea for a Bachelor of Music degree in Organ. It was a hard time for me, because I studied the organ only 9 months before college. After finishing college, I came to Rochester, NY for further study with Dr. Hans Davidsson who was a professor at Eastman School of Music. I received Master's and Doctorate degrees in Organ Performance and Literature there. I also enjoyed studying harpsichord, clavichord, and continuo playing. After spending about 8 years in Rochester, I am happy to be on Hilton Head where I enjoy the warm weather and beautiful nature especially Palmetto trees. It is truly a blessed place to be!

I am the Traditional Music Director and Organist at Providence Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island since 2012. I live with my husband, Sangkyun Kim, who was my first love and the high school sweetheart. We had a long distant relationship for the entire time while I was in Rochester, NY, then he came to the States after we got married 10 years ago. He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2017. I have three children, Julie, Isaac, and Daniel Kim, and we recently started homeschooling with Julie which is going so well so far! One exciting news for my family is that we are expecting another baby boy in June this year. We believe Julie can handle 4 younger brothers with no problem!

April 2020 Job Placement

Local Part Time Job

Our Chaplain, Richard McDonnell, has told us there is a church in our area looking for someone to play the piano for worship services, one service a week. Pay is negotiable. Contact Editor Gil Campbell for further information.

April 2020 Job Placement

(Local Jobs/ Substitute Organist and Directors)

Currently, the national AGO website is posting 4 jobs in Georgia and 1 job in South Carolina. Please check the national website for more information.

First Baptist Church of Hilton Head

Location: 100 South Forest Beach Drive, Hilton Head

Posting Date: February 19, 2020

Job starting date: Immediately

Title: Church Pianist

Job Type: Part-time

Minimum Education:

Minimum Experience: 10 years piano experience; 3 years church-related experience

Salary: \$125.00 - \$150.00 per week

Number of Weekly Services: 1

Number of Weekly Rehearsals: 2

Hours: 5 (maximum)

Ensembles:

Organ Description:

Benefits:

Contact Person: Rev. Richard Wade (843-785-4478)

Scope of Position: Responsible for playing for congregational services, special worship events, accompanying musical groups and assisting in other musical activities of the church.

First Baptist Church of Hilton Head (continued)

Primary Responsibilities:

- Arrive prior to all scheduled worship services, special events and rehearsals to ensure timely start times for all events.
- Play for all services of the church, both regular and special as directed by the Minister of Music.
- Accompany choir rehearsals as directed by the Minister of Music.
- Serve as accompanist for ensembles and soloists as needed.
- Play offertory piano solos periodically for worship services.
- Inform the Minister of Worship of needed tuning or maintenance of piano.
- Adhere to church approved guidelines as set forth in First Baptist Church's Bylaws and Personnel Manual.

- Perform other duties as assigned.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Have a consistent, growing relationship with God.
- Be committed to pursuing excellence through music for the glory of God.
- Strong organizational and interpersonal communications skills.
- 10 years of piano experience and 3 years of church-related experience.
- Ability to play medium to difficult choral music.
- Pleasant, professional, creative, and reliable in all aspects of their work and in their relationships with the church family and community including positive interactions with others and maintaining a professional demeanor, appearance, and attitude.
- Strong team spirit and a servant's heart.
- Ability to work well with volunteers in a service oriented environment.