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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN

Greeting Friends!

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Dean for the past term and I have gained many new friendships and deepened already established friendships. I hope we can be together again before too long because there are many of you on our chapter roster with whom I still haven't had the pleasure of a good "get-to-know-you" conversation. Our Fort Worth Chapter is very fortunate to have many members who are highly skilled in every aspect of organs and organ playing and who are also very hospitable and welcoming to newcomers. You are as warm, loving, and friendly a group as any other chapter anywhere! We need to keep that up and make it one of our intentional practices to seek out organists and organ lovers who need to be drawn into our circle and included in the activities of the chapter. We can build a strong audience by hosting wonderful concerts, but we can build a strong chapter by building a wonderful community and making sure to pave a smooth path for others to join.

2020 has indeed become a strange time. I can't shake the idea that I am turning over the helm to Beverly Howard, our incoming Dean, as the ship is taking on water! I feel quite uncertain as I attempt to think of a way to add some closure to a season that was interrupted abruptly. I find no words to suffice! As I write this letter, Peggy Graff, our Program Chairman, is wringing her hands over how to plan the new season of programs when life is so uncertain. When will concert artists be safely able to travel again? When will our churches open to allow for concerts to be scheduled? If we host events, will anyone feel confident to attend? With so many wonderful online events already, is it even worth our time to consider a live-streamed event? If any of you who read this have a glimmer of an answer or solution to any of these questions, please let me know or contact Peggy. I know all suggestions for future programs are kept and considered, so be sure to submit your requests, even if they are put on hold for now.

This letter is my only opportunity to publicly thank our outgoing Officers and Executive Board Members who have served faithfully for the past term(s):

Alissa Brewer, who has served faithfully 2 terms as Secretary
Ed Ackerman, who was completing the term as Treasurer, replacing Joe Breedlove
Joe Breedlove, who needed to resign a bit early, having served 2 terms as Treasurer
David Lindsey, who has served for the past 4 years as a Director
Sueda Luttrell who has served for the past 4 years as a Director

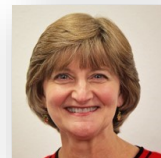
Thank you to each of you for your faithful and creative service!

Our final Board meeting took place via Zoom and we approved the online voting process, which you all used to elect our new officers. Our newly elected officers have been sworn in via email, so now we are virtually ready for a new year! Congratulations to all our new officers and blessings as you assume your offices in such an unusual time! We will all support you in any way possible!

To close I leave you with this favorite benediction, which has taken on new meaning for me during our stay-at-home time:

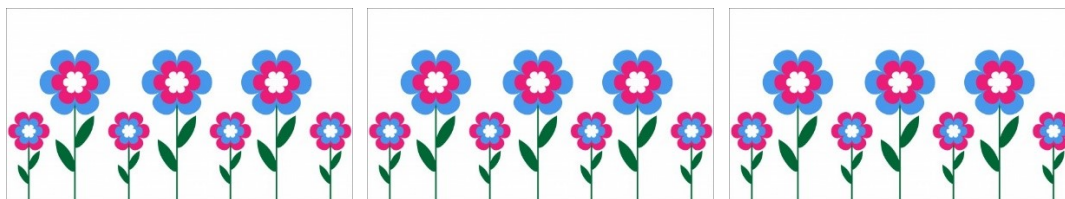
*You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go (or stay), God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there.
God lives in you and has something he wants you to do through you where you are.
Believe in this and go in the grace and love and power of God.*

Richard Halverson, former chaplain of the U.S. Senate (altered)



Rebecca Sawyer
Chapter Dean

FROM THE SUB-DEAN, PEGGY GRAFF



Summer greetings, FWAGO!

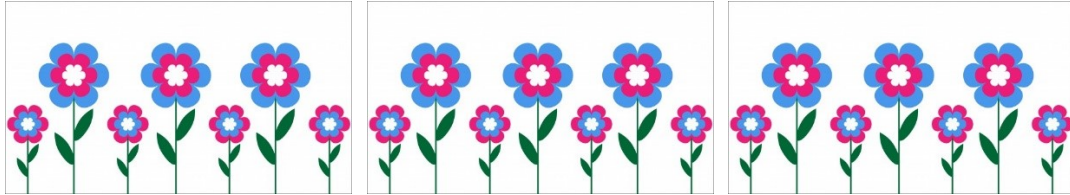
For understandable reasons, programming chapter events for the upcoming season has been a challenge. We are uncertain as to when we can actually come together for a meeting, dinner, lecture, etc. based on CDC guidelines, church venue openings, and just restrictions in general that are placed on us. However, earlier this year (prior to Covid19), we scheduled an organ recital to be presented by our own Clive Driskill-Smith on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church – Fort Worth. We are hopeful that by that date everyone will feel safe to attend. If not, we may need to rely on technology to live-stream the recital. At any rate, please mark your calendar, and stay tuned for more information on the 2020-2021 season!

In the meantime, I am hopeful that you have stayed healthy and safe during this most uncertain and bizarre time in our world. Listening, practicing, and presenting music of all genres and style periods has kept me going when the days have comingled and I have had trouble keeping track of them. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts at my church, encouraged me to coordinate and create music offerings during week days that are shown on our church website and on YouTube. Musical guests have presented a variety of hymns and other music on “Hymn a Day in May,” “June Tunes,” and “July Lullabies.” These projects have kept me busy and sane versus feeling badly that I couldn’t go to the church to practice every day or work in my office. Recently, I found this sweet little message to share with you. It reminds me of the enormous role music plays in my life, as I am sure it does yours:

Dear music,
Thanks for always
Clearing my head,
Healing my heart,
And lifting my spirits.

May you make time to enjoy whatever lifts your spirits, brings you joy, heals your heart, and gives you peace! Hopefully, one day soon we can be together again!





Certification Exam Coordinator Report by Peggy Graff

Please let Peggy Graff know soon by email (pgraff@myfumc.org) if you plan to apply for AGO exam certification in the 2020-2021 cycle. In *The American Organist* July 2020 issue, you will find information regarding the various certification levels, application deadlines, exam dates, organ repertoire lists, and other pertinent material for the exams. Peggy will keep you informed as to **AGO Certification Workshops**, which are **tentatively** scheduled for the following dates and times at FUMCFW.

Saturday, August 29: 9:00-11:30 am (SPC exam certification)

Saturday, August 29: 12:30-3:00 pm (CAGO exam certification)

BREAKING NEWS!!!!

Our own Janet Pummill, CAGO, received a call from Don Cook, AGO Director of National Council for Education to let her know that she won the top CAGO prize as a result of having the **highest score of all participants** in 2019-20 exams. Congratulations, Janet! We are celebrating (virtually) with you on this wonderful achievement and honor!

OrganFest online July 20-24

The American Guild of Organists is thrilled to announce the first online **OrganFest**, which will take place July 20-24. Each evening's broadcast will premiere a new work which had been commissioned for the 2020 National Convention in Atlanta, accompanied by interviews with the composers.

Featured performers will be **Jens Korndörfer**, **Amanda Mole**, **Alan Morrison**, **Thomas Ospital**, and **Catherine Rodland**. Additional recorded performances by recent international organ competition winners will be presented, and short presentations will share exciting news and updates from the AGO.

The daily YouTube premiere (8pm Eastern) and accompanying Festival website will be available at no charge.

OrganFest 2020 promises to be an exciting way to showcase our beloved instrument and the great work of the AGO. Please share this information widely with your music-loving friends.

While we are saddened by the cancellation of many musical events this spring and summer, including our National Convention in Atlanta, we look forward to celebrating the future of organ music together online next month.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who voted in our online election this year! We had a record turnout of 56 voters. Congratulations to our newly elected officers and thank you for serving our chapter!

Dean (2 year term July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022)	Dr. Beverly Howard
SubDean (2 year term July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022)	Peggy Graff, CAGO (elected for 2nd term)
Secretary (2 year term July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022)	Ken Surley (also serves as Chapter Editor)
Treasurer (2 year term July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022)	Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO

Director Position 1 (4 year term July 1, 2020-June 30, 2024)	Capt. Dana Chavarria, SPC
Director Position 2 (4 year term July 1, 2020-June 30, 2024)	Echo Wilson, SPC
Director Position 3 (4 year term July 1, 2020-June 30, 2024)	Dennis Opferman

The following incumbent Directors will continue their 4 year terms that end on June 20, 2022:

Director Position 4	Dr. Devon Howard
Director Position 5	Dale Bench, CAGO
Director Position 6	Andy Rose

MEMBERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT

As of June 14, 2020, we have 145 members. Of those, 91 have memberships expiring July 1, 2020, and they have not yet renewed. AGO HQ, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, is giving a 2-month grace period beyond the July 1st expiration date. Members are encouraged to renew as soon as possible.

Congratulations to **Burton Patterson** for recruiting a new member: **Dr. Imre Pátkai**. Welcome, Dr. Pátkai! Recently he became organist at North Fort Worth Baptist Church. Previously he served at Fellowship United Methodist Church in Trophy Club, Texas. He and his wife reside in Justin, Texas. Imre was raised in Budapest; he moved to Texas in 2010. His music education includes a Master's degree in Piano Performance at the Franz Liszt Music Academy (Budapest) and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Texas. He has special interest in improvisation and arrangement of hymns.

All members are encouraged to recruit new members! The easiest way to have a new member join is to have the recruit call the AGO HQ office telephone 212-870-2310 and tell the staff person that he/she wants to join the Fort Worth Chapter. The staff person will ask several questions to complete the enrollment and will ask for credit card number to pay dues or give instructions for paying by check.

Thank you, Donors!

*Donors listed below are those who donated in May and through June 14, 2020,
for the upcoming chapter fiscal year starting July 1, 2020.*

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Underwriters (\$50-\$99): Peggy Graff, CAGO

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TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 31, 2020, the chapter's current net worth (assets, including receivables pending deposit by AGO HQ, less liabilities) is \$75,736.19. Our Comerica Bank checking account balance is \$26,065.28, but \$10,822.55 of that balance is RESTRICTED for use only by the William E. Hayes Scholarship project, leaving an UNRESTRICTED balance of \$15,242.73. Our Comerica Bank savings account balance (all unrestricted funds) is \$47,710.91.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Elected Positions as of July 1, 2020)

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