



# Lorain County Chapter American Guild of Organists

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## Repertoire Sharing and Members Meeting

May 4, 4:00 pm

**First United Methodist Church, Elyria**

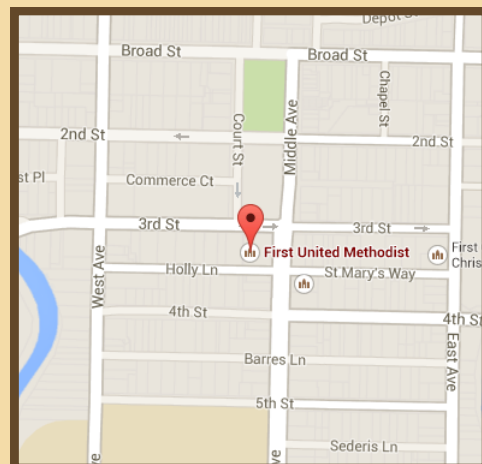
Our last LCAGO event of the season will be a combination social, educational, and business get-together! Janet Campbell-Kuhl will be our host at [First UMC](#), 312 Third St., Elyria.

For the educational portion of the evening, members are asked to bring along some of their favorite and most useful pieces. Old favorites, new favorites, out-of-the-way pieces and standards—bring in some music that you love to play! Those who are comfortable will play some of the repertoire they brought for the rest. If you'd like to practice a bit, the organ will be available from 3:00-4:00.

The business will be our annual members meeting. This is our chance to elect officers, plan programs for next season, and attend to other business of the chapter.

After all our education and business is done, those who wish will adjourn to the [Blue Sky Restaurant](#), 802 Cleveland Street, Elyria, for dinner together.

Friends and family are welcome to attend all or part of this evening together, and you are especially encouraged to bring along organists who are not currently AGO members. They will have a chance at the meeting to sign up for a half-price membership!





## From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Please take note of the new dues collection process, called ON-CARD, described on the next page. I think it will be a good thing for us—it will reduce the burden on local chapter treasurers as well as ease us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. You should be receiving an email about this from national headquarters shortly (those without email addresses on file will receive a letter). If you have any questions, feel free to ask me—I am our official chapter liaison for this program.

Best wishes,

*Brian*

## Chapter News

### **Professional Concerns Event at Trinity Cathedral.**

LCAGO members joined with AGO Cleveland members on February 10 for a professional concerns event at Trinity Cathedral. Our Regional Councilor, David Lamb, shared briefly about what he sees and hears as he travels to different chapters around the region. He emphasized the importance of personal contact in gaining and retaining members. LCAGO members Jimmy Madsen and Brian Wentzel then led a session on clergy-musician relationships, talking about respect and communication, and sharing resources. Lastly, Tim Robson of AGO Cleveland and Case Western library gave tips on résumé writing based on his experiences supervising the hiring of library staff.

The cold weather and distant location kept some LCAGO members away, but those who came benefited from the evening. Said one attendee, “I went mostly out of a sense of obligation, but I left invigorated and refreshed.”

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

The LCAGO Executive Committee met on February 15, from 10:00 to noon at First Lutheran Church in Lorain.

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## New Dues Collection Process

For many years, local chapters of the AGO have collected annual dues from members. Starting with the 2014-2015 membership year, this will change, and members will now send their dues to the national organization, preferably online via credit card. The total amount of dues will not change, and the distribution of money to our chapter and to the national organization will not change. The main differences are 1) administrative tasks associated with collecting annual dues will now take place at the national rather than the local level, and 2) encouragement to pay by credit card rather than by check.

This new system is called the Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues (ONCARD). Each AGO member has their own username (initial of first name and last name, e.g., "bwentzel") and password (the 5-digit code printed above your name and before the date on the back of your *American Organist* magazine). You will be able to manage your address, phone number, an other personal information online in addition to renewing your membership.

FAQs: <http://www.agohq.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/ONCARD-FAQs.pdf>

Log in and try it out: [http://ago.networkats.com/members\\_online/members/login.asp](http://ago.networkats.com/members_online/members/login.asp)

## Job Openings

### **Avon United Methodist Church—Organist / Choir Director**

Part-time. One Sunday service at 10 a.m. Sunday morning choir rehearsal (currently) at 8:30. Johannus Organ. Grand piano. Interested persons should contact the Church office at (440) 934-5121 or [avonumc@centurylink.net](mailto:avonumc@centurylink.net) for further information.

### **Grace Methodist, Vermilion—Organist**

Looking for someone to accompany the choir for practice on Wednesdays and to play at one service (10:15) per Sunday. Allen electronic organ and a nice piano to use. \$50 per activity based upon experience and skill. Contact Craig Bennett at 967-2233 for more information.

### **St. Paul UCC, Elyria—Organist**

Part-time position. One Sunday service and special services. The organist accompanies the choir, which rehearses on Sunday mornings. The church's organ is a 12 rank Moller pipe organ. Annual salary is \$6000. For more information see the church website: <http://stpaulucc.bryanbird.com/music/>. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and résumé via e-mail to Robert Ebert at [rebert@bw.edu](mailto:rebert@bw.edu). For additional information, please e-mail or call Robert Ebert at (440) 353-3362.

The productive meeting covered a variety of topics. The committee first discussed details pertaining to our May 4 program (see [front page](#)). The next item also involved working out details, this time for our half-price membership promotion. **If you know of any organists who might be interested, please let one of the officers know.** In April, prospective members will receive a mailing from our chapter with promotional materials and a letter inviting them to join LCAGO for the 2014-2015 year at half price (the remainder of their dues will be covered by our chapter treasury, which is healthy). The discount will only apply to those who have not been AGO members for at least five years. They will also be invited to our May 4 chapter event.

The committee spent a while discussing the new ONCARD system (see [page 3](#)) before brainstorming program ideas for next season and doing further work on new chapter Operating Procedures.

Finally, our long-time treasurer Carol Sharrock has announced her retirement from this position. We thank her for her 29 years of service! We will need to elect a replacement at our May meeting. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

### **Former LCAGO Dean Dies**

Mr. Terry G. Woodings, 76, died at his residence Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014, following several years failing health due to pulmonary fibrosis. He was dean of LCAGO from 1969-1971.

A native of Elyria, Ohio, he was the husband of Jan Woodings, who survives, and son of the late Clarence Raymond Woodings and Dorothy Lowe Woodings.

Terry was a Music Educator in both Elyria, Ohio, and Burlington, N.C. as well as Cultural Arts Director with the Alamance-Burlington School System. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as organist at Ft. Benning and Ft. Knox. Terry was selected by Pulitzer Prize Winner Paul Green to serve as the founding Musical Director for "Trumpet in the Land," Ohio's official bicentennial outdoor drama about the Moravians. He served in this capacity for the production's first seven years.

Terry was a member of Macedonia Lutheran Church where he served as organist from 1978-2005 and, upon retirement, was honored as Organist Emeritus. While in Ohio, he was a professor of Instrumental Music at Cuyahoga Community College as well as conductor of the North Olmsted Community Orchestra and Director of Music at St. John's UCC in Lorain, Ohio.

Terry loved to travel and visited all 50 states as well as various countries overseas. Prior to the opening of East Berlin, Terry traveled with and documented the Cummings High School Show Choir's trip to Sochi, Russia. He was also an avid rail fan and he and his wife traveled around the perimeter of the United States by train and attended many rail fairs nationwide. He was a member of the National Historic Railroad Society.

Complete obituary: [http://www.richandthompson.com/new\\_view.php?id=5330718](http://www.richandthompson.com/new_view.php?id=5330718).

## AGO Mission Statement

**The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.**

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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