



LA PIPELINE

The monthly newsletter of the Los Angeles Chapter
American Guild of Organists

May 2025

OUR NEXT EVENT

Monday, May 19

Social Hour 6:00 | Dinner 6:45 | Program 8:00

“WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING”

Dinner and program honoring past deans of the
Los Angeles and Pasadena chapters.

The contributions of past deans will be honored at this dinner with a slide presentation and tribute by Manuel Rosales. We will hear about their gifts of leadership through the years and the evolution of the Los Angeles chapter into the musically extraordinary chapter that it is today.

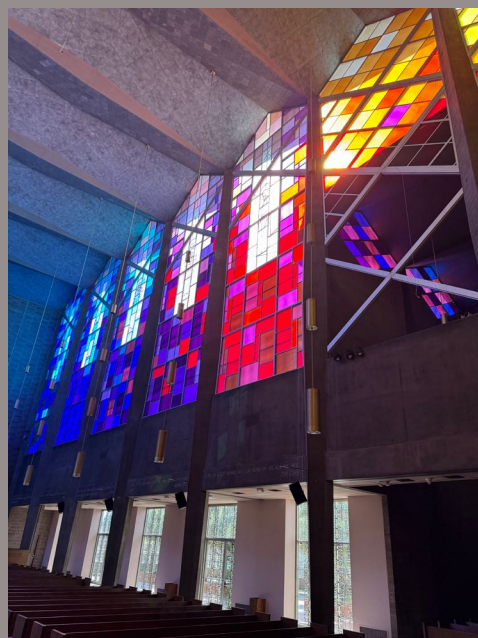
The musical program will begin in the sanctuary at 8:00, co-sponsored by the Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund and honoring past dean Clarence Mader.

Participants in the program will include: Jacob Benda (president of the Mader Fund), Timothy Howard, Patricia Lamb, Cherry Rhodes, Ladd Thomas, Emma Whitten, Ty Woodward and the choral group Cantori Sine Nomine directed by Linda West Brown.

Clarence Mader was recognized during his lifetime as the “Dean of Organists” on the West Coast and one of the most influential teachers in the United States. Former pupils include renowned organists such as David Craighead, Thomas Murray, Ladd Thomas, Orpha Ochse, and Virgil Fox, to name a few. He was organist at Immanuel Presbyterian Church from 1929 to 1966 and head of the organ department at Occidental College from 1955 to 1968.

We hope to you will join us at this event!

**GLENDALE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
401 East Broadway, Glendale



Dinner

Spinach-Artichoke Dip, Fresh Guacamole & Chips, Vegetable Platter, House Salad, Smoked Brisket, Hot Vegetarian Pasta, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Steamed Fresh Vegetables, Freshly Baked Garlic Rolls, Special Dessert, Soft Drinks, Water
Alcoholic beverages will not be served at this event.

\$25, payable at the door
\$5, students with ID

Please RSVP for dinner by Friday, May 16
RGSchertle@gmail.com or (323) 828-3633

NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE DEAN

Sean O'Neal



Greetings! We are almost at the end of this program year, and I extend my gratitude to the executive committee, program committee, and all others who made this year's series of events successful. Our final program for this season will take place on Monday, May 19th at Glendale First United Methodist Church. The social time starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 6:45. We will honor all of the past deans of Los Angeles, and Pasadena Chapters - yes, Pasadena was once its own chapter, but merged with the LA chapter in the 1990s. The musical portion of the evening will take place in the sanctuary, featuring the Shantz pipe organ, the Cantori Sine Nomine, under the direction of Linda Brown, and will also feature representatives of the Mader Fund. Clarence Mader was a fixture in the Los Angeles area for many years, as well as a former dean of the LA Chapter.

I look forward to seeing you all at our final chapter event in a few weeks. Thank you!

LA CHAPTER ELECTIONS 2025

Elections this year will include selecting a new class of members-at-large. Note the officers (dean, sub-dean, treasurer, and secretary) serve 2-year terms and are elected only in even years.

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for the next members-at-large class:

- Russ Litchfield
- Michelle Kardos
- Haesung Park

Per our operating procedures, additional nominations may be made by petition if each petition is signed by five (5) voting members of the chapter in good standing, and submitted to the chapter Secretary within thirty (30) days of the announcement of the slate to the chapter membership.

Chapter members, stay tuned for announcement of the voting process soon.

LA AGO PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER - JUNE, 2026

The national AGO's Executive Director, James Tomashower, recently signed a formal letter of agreement to authorize the Los Angeles AGO Chapter to sponsor a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) June 21-27, 2026. Housing is planned for participants at the Episcopal Retreat Center in Echo Park. Ten teachers have committed to provide organ lessons to twenty students on weekday mornings in area churches.

This large undertaking requires much in the way of financial donations and volunteer assistance. We seek drivers to take students to and from their morning organ lessons, chaperones to see to the comfort and safety of our 13-18 year-old young people, and donors to help fund our lodging, bus transportation, facilities deposits, and venue admission fees. It is hoped to offer a night out at the Hollywood Bowl. Per national AGO requirements, all adult volunteers we must complete fingerprinting and background checks.

There will be opportunities for students to visit various Los Angeles venues to hear and play some of our fine local instruments, including First Congregational Church, Occidental College, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, and Disney Hall. LA Chapter members will present organ recitals in the evenings.

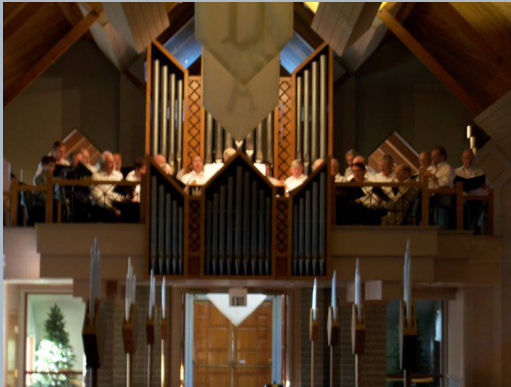
To volunteer your time, talent, and energies, and to make a financial donation, please contact Joseph Simms, LA AGO Member-at-Large and POE Director, at docjoseph2000@yahoo.com. You may also visit the LA AGO POE website to get the latest information and make an on-line donation: <https://www.poela2026.org>.



PRINCE OF PEACE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Prince of Peace Episcopal church in Woodland Hills (5700 Rudnick Ave.) invites you to celebrate the culmination of the internship of Samuel Cher at the 10:00 a.m. service on Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025. Samuel began his internship last summer and has been steadily accompanying hymns and the mass, rehearsing and conducting the SATB and Men's choirs, rehearsing and performing in small handbell ensembles and solo ringing, and performing at least two items each week.

On Trinity Sunday he will be responsible for the entire service: choral call to worship with handbell accompaniment, opening hymn, canon mass Gloria, simplified Anglican chant psalm, gospel hymn, offertory anthem by SATB choir, doxology, Sanctus, fraction anthem from the canon mass, communion handbell trio, post communion hymn, closing hymn, and improvised postlude.



Prince of Peace is again offering this opportunity to a qualified candidate. The internship comes with a \$10,000 scholarship and a weekly commitment of 10 hours. Sunday service and preparation (3 hours), Thursday rehearsals with bells and choir (3 hours), individual practice (3 hours), and private instruction (1 hour). A visit to Prince of Peace on June 15 will give interested persons a good look at what they can expect to accomplish in the year ahead.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Peter Fennema

It has been my pleasure to serve as newsletter editor for the past three seasons. This is to announce that, due to increased demands on my time, I have advised the dean I am stepping down at the end of this season. This is my last newsletter. I will continue to manage the chapter website at the pleasure of the executive committee. I have greatly appreciated the positive feedback and support I've received for my work on the newsletters. Hopefully this notice will provide enough time to find a replacement for the next season in the fall.

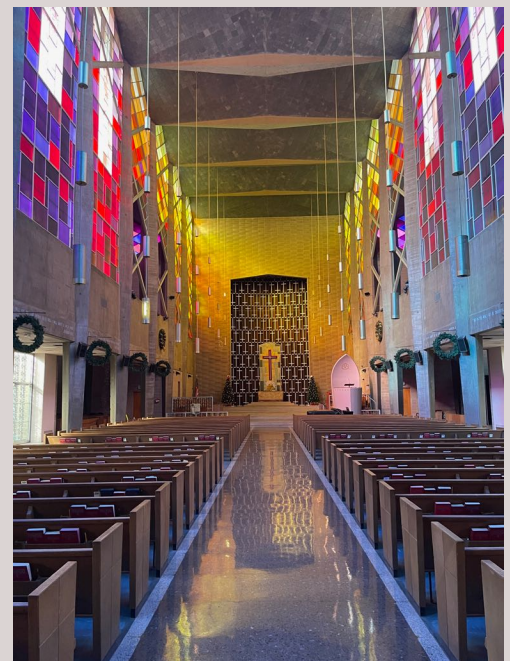
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JUNE 15, 3:00 PM
PETER FENNEMA



Works of Bach, de Grigny, Langlais,
and Sowerby

JUNE 29, 3:00 PM
DR. EMMA WHITTEN



Works of Demessieux and Dupré

JULY 13, 3:00 PM
JASON KLEIN-MENDOZA



Works of Bach, Franck, Sowerby,
Nevin, Howells, and Willan

INVITATION TO GIVE

Our concerts are returning to the summer this year, drawing on local talent to present free, 60-minute concerts on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. This series is entirely supported by financial contributions of people such as yourself and is not funded by the church budget. We are hoping you will consider joining our supporters in making a financial gift to offset the cost this series. This year, there are four levels of giving. All gifts received by May 24 will be recognized by name in the concert program booklet.

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You may make an online donation here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YGTN/home> (scroll through the boxes on the page and select "2025 Organ Concert Series.") or you may mail a check to:

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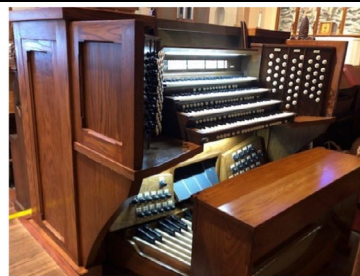
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CALENDAR

Calendar items may be submitted on the LA AGO website at <https://www.laago.org/calendar-submit>. The submission deadline to include in the newsletter is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Please review listing guidelines before submitting. Entries may be edited for size and content. Visit the on line calendar at <https://www.laago.org/calendar> for the most recent updates.

Sun May 4, 2025

7:30pm - 10pm Yuhan Niu, Organ, with Yu-Hsuan Chien, Violin

Description: Stan's Music Parlor - private LA residence. Address provided via Eventbrite. <https://tinyurl.com/2wd6s3r9> Cost: Donation to musicians.

Fri May 9, 2025

7:30pm - 10pm Emma Yim, Organist

Description: Emma Yim plays Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs. Stan's Music Parlor - private residence address provided via Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/29tbtp9r> Cost: Donation to musician.

Sun May 11, 2025

4pm - 5pm Thomas Mellan, Organist

Where: St. Edmund's Episcopal Church 1175 S San Gabriel Blvd San Marino, CA, United States

Description: FWO.

Mon May 19, 2025

8pm - 10pm Dinner and Program to honor past Chapter Deans [LA AGO]

Where: First United Methodist Church of Glendale 401 E Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206

Description: Dinner to honor past chapter deans. Program honoring Clarence Mader (past dean).

Sun May 25, 2025

4pm - 5pm Sean O'Neal, Organist

Where: Saint Edmund's Episcopal Church 1175 S San Gabriel Blvd, San Marino, CA 91107

Description: FWO.

Sun Jun 15, 2025

3pm - 4pm Peter Fennema, Organist

Where: Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Description: Westwood UMC's resident organist opens the 19th Annual Summer Organ Concert Series. Music of Bach, de Grigny, Langlais, and Sowerby. Free and secure parking under neighboring Belmont Village. Free. Live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/@westwoodumcla/streams>

Sun Jun 29, 2025

3pm - 4pm Emma Whitten, Organist

Where: Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Description: Emma Whitten performs on Westwood UMC's 19th Annual Summer Organ Concert Series. Free and secure parking under neighboring Belmont Village. Free. Live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/@westwoodumcla/streams>.

Sun Jul 13, 2025

3pm - 4pm Jason Klein-Mendoza, Organist

Where: Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Description: Jason Klein-Mendoza performs on Westwood UMC's 19th Annual Summer Organ Concert Series. Free and secure parking under neighboring Belmont Village. Free. Live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/@westwoodumcla/streams>.