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February 2014

**The Program Committee is
working on the following chapter
meetings. Please mark your
calendars!!**

February 1, 2014

**Music Biz - Choosing an Entity
for your Music Business and Tax
Q & A 9:30 - 10:30**

**There will also be a planning
meeting for the next Community
Hymn Sing 10:30 - 11:30**

***NOTE NEW LOCATION:
STATE STREET CHURCH!!***

(Practically next door to the former
location, St. Luke's)

March 8, 2014

**Joint Meeting with Bangor
Chapter**

St. John's, Bangor ME 10 AM
AM: Workshop on Dudley Buck
PM: Anthem sharing, opportunity
to play the organ

April 5, 2014

**Organ Crawl in Portland
Locations TBD**

May 4, 2014

**Concert and Annual Meeting
First Parish Church, Saco 4 PM**

November 15-16, 2014

Merrill Auditorium

FOKO Hymn Sing Festival



Newsletter Deadline

Feb. 15, 2014

**Please send photos,
articles, news
of upcoming events to
Clarissa Brown
voxhumana711@gmail.com**



Chapter News

From David Maxwell:

"We Walk by Faith," my collection of twelve organ chorale preludes, was released in 2013 by Augsburg Fortress. Also, volume three of "Final Stanzas," twenty alternate hymn harmonizations with trumpet (or other C instrument) descants was released by Concordia Publishing House. In addition, I have been informed by ASCAP that I will receive my sixth consecutive ASCAPPLUS award in 2014.

**CONGRATULATIONS!! to you,
David!**

From Harold Stover:

Dear friends,

As you are filling in your new 2014 calendars, I will be grateful if you note that I will be playing a recital on the landmark 1928 Ernest M. Skinner organ at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke on State Street on Sunday, April 27, at 3:00 PM.

The program will include two works by 20th Century French composers Marcel Dupré and Olivier Messiaen. Messiaen will be represented by his Chants d'Oiseaux, a remarkable work for the spring and Easter seasons consisting almost entirely of bird calls notated in the field, then transcribed for the organ.

Also on the program are my own most recent publication, a work by the Chicago composer Leo Sowerby that demonstrates many of the beautiful softer sounds of the Skinner tonal palette, and the Choral in a minor by César Franck, one of the great organ works of the Romantic era. I send best wishes for the New Year to all of you.

**From our Sub-Dean, Ann Hartzler:
AGO Workshop – Joint
Event for Portland and
Bangor AGO Chapters!!**

On Saturday March 8, 2014 there will be a Joint meeting of Portland and Bangor AGO Chapters at St. John's Catholic Church in Bangor. (cont.)

There will be information later regarding carpools. If you are interested in playing a solo or anthem, please email me!
(ann.hartzler@gmail.com)

10 – 11:30 Dudley Buck

Kevin Birch will talk about the choral and organ music of Dudley Buck.

11:30–12:30 Lunch and Music Swap

Bring your excess music!

1 – 3 Hook Organ Recital

Organists will be invited to try the organ with registration help. Kevin particularly suggests bringing music of the period (Mendelssohn and Franck).

Dudley Buck (March 10, 1839 – October 6, 1909) was a founding member of the AGO and a New Englander.

He was a composer, organist, and writer on music. He published several books, most notably the *Diction-ary of Musical Terms and Influence of the Organ in History*, which was published in New York in 1882. He is best known today for his organ composition, *Concert Variations on the Star-Spangled Banner, Op. 23*, which was later arranged into an orchestral version.

Regional Chapter News

There are many events going on in the New England area which are of interest to our Maine chapters. Please see the website for details. Among the events are POEs, a Mini-Convention put on by the Merrimack Chapter, and other concert events. Check it out! There are events from now till the Regional Conventions later in June, plus other conventions later in the summer. Have you registered yet for the Boston Convention?

FOKO Hymnsing Extravaganza

There have already been meetings to start coordinating the next fabulous Hymnsing Festival at Merrill Auditorium. The next one will be at our AGO meeting on February 1.

Steve Ditmer, a representative for the Salvation Army Band, is assisting FOKO in the process. The band will be part of the festival to help celebrate the 125th anniversary of this charitable organization. Mr. Ditmer is most enthusiastic about collaborating with us. The Festival will be held November 15-16, 2014. We will need a lot of hands to make this work!

Thank you in advance for all your help in making this festival a memorable event for our community!

Looking for a Substitute Organist?

David Clark
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Available April through December

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PORTLAND AGO MEMBERS:

Notice Informing Guild Membership
of Resolution of Case -

On October 6, 2013, the American
Guild of Organists declared resolved
the case of wrongful termination
brought against South Church Unitar-
ian Universalists, Portsmouth, NH.

Guild Members may now accept
employment at this Institution.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church,
Northfield, Vermont** seeks permanent
organist. Small loving congregation
with a rich liturgical tradition seeks
musician to play our beautiful circa
1830 Hook Tracker Organ to lead
and support our worship. For more
information, contact: The Rev. Empey
Schneider, Rector- 802-485-8221,
revempey@cox.net or Mr. Brett
Murphy, Worship Committee-
802-223-2486,
brettwmurphy@hotmail.com.

Job Opening for Music Director
Islands Community Church (ICC)
of Bailey Island has an opening for
a Music Director. This part time role
requires a candidate with the ability to
play both organ and piano, and to di-
rect the church choir on Sunday morn-
ings. Choir practice is held at 8:30 AM
and church services are at 9:30 each
Sunday. Compensation will be com-
mensurate with the successful candi-
date's qualifications. ICC is a non-
denominational church welcoming
people of all faiths. Please submit a
resume to capthays@myfairpoint.net.

> Christ Episcopal Church, Norway,
Maine is seeking a 1/5 time organist/
choir director starting in October 2013.
Competency in choir direction, church
organ and piano is necessary. Experi-
ence and/or familiarity with liturgical
music is desired, but is not a require-
ment. 3-rank Wicks Forward 3 Model,

two-manual, full pedal-board. Sunday
morning 11:00 worship, choir rehears-
al each week (currently Wednesdays).
Salary is negotiable depending on
qualifications and experience. Four
(4) weeks of paid vacation are permit-
ted each year. More detailed job de-
scription available from John Sullivan,
jtcsul@earthlink.net/207-282-0271.

Wanted - Parish Musician. A part
time position leading Sunday worship
music at The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd in Rangeley, Maine.
Opportunity for piano, Allen organ and
chorus leadership. If interested contact
The Rev. Jud Pealer at 864-3381.



The AGO Portland Chapter recommends the following fees for Substitute Organists:

One service (Organist or Organist/Choir
Director) \$150.00 - \$300.00

A second service essentially the same as
the first service 50% of first service fee

Rehearsal (1 ½ hours maximum) \$60.00
- \$100.00

Additional rehearsals with soloists, choir
or instrumentalists \$30.00 - \$100.00/hour,
depending on the difficulty of music

Mileage- 55 cents/mile if visits to church
for practice, rehearsal, service exceed 25
miles/round trip.



All Newsletter Submissions
are due by the 15th of the
month. Please send to
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Partial Schedule and info for Merrimack Valley Mini- Convention March 1, 2014

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and Registration
9:00 – 9:45 Anthem Reading led by
MVAGO members.
10:00 – 10:45 Christa Rakich:
“Improve Your Improv”
11:00 – 11:45 Robert Barney: “Is
This Any Way to Run a Rehearsal?”
12:00 Noon Lunch, Conversation
and Browsing
1:30 – 2:15 Kristen Miller:
“Inspiring Youth Choirs with the
Kodaly Method”
2:30 – 3:15 Robin Leaver:
“Secrets of Hymns we Thought we
Knew”

The 2014 Mini-Convention will
again be held at First Calvary Bap-
tist Church, at the intersection of
Route 125 and Massachusetts Ave.
in North Andover (same location
as last year). From I-495 take Exit
43 (Massachusetts Ave. – North
Andover); follow Mass. Ave. south
about two miles, past one traffic
light, until you see another traffic
light ahead (Rte. 125). The church
is a modern building on the left, just
before the intersection, and entrance
to the large parking lot is just before
you get to the church. The cost is
\$48 for a full day, \$32 for a half day.
Both prices include a catered lunch.

