

OMAHA CHAPTER OF  
THE AMERICAN  
GUILD OF  
ORGANISTS



# The Windchest

SEPTEMBER 2018

Celebrating 100 Years!

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

Recital Dates

Special Events

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## From the Dean...

Workshops, concerts and recitals, professional growth and educational opportunities, collaboration with other organizations, mutual support, social events planned for sharing and exchanging ideas, information—these are all words that describe programming for the 2018-19 season of the Omaha Chapter, AGO.

The 2018-19 season, to be announced at the Season's Kick-Off event on September 9, includes eight events offering a variety of workshops, professional growth opportunities, concerts and recitals, and social events. Members of the local chapter are increasingly involved in leadership and programming roles as the chapter continues to grow, including more and more "Young Member" registrants who are seeking professional growth opportunities.

Omaha AGO continues to become more and more visible throughout the area. The chapter's communication and outreach programs are increasingly successful, including our Website and Face Book accounts, which are updated on a regular basis. Our newsletter, Windchest, has a readership of more than 150 subscribers, leading to inquiries about membership, programming, and professional support. Omaha AGO expertise is sought by non-members and churches seeking AGO guidance, leading to positive and productive collaboration on a professional level with members and non-members alike.

Another observable attribute that strengthens the Omaha chapter is collaboration and support among members. Omaha AGO membership has a keen sense of respect one for another! Simply stated—we care for one another. Members are concerned for the well-

being of another's professional position and standing with clergy, boards, and committees. Members sincerely inquire regarding health and other personal issues facing fellow members; member share travel and housing expenses attending events. Simply stated: Omaha AGO members sincerely care for one another, which, of course strengthens the chapter in all respects.

The new season's programming deliberately strives to meet the professional needs and requirements of AGO members, in addition to providing requested information and assistance for others who seek help from AGO membership.

The 2018-19 Season will be officially announced at the Kick-Off event September 9. Brochures will be available for distribution. The new 2018-19 Membership Booklets will also be available September 9.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Dr. Christensen, AAGO



## MANNING STUDENT ORGAN RECITAL

### NAMES OF STUDENTS ON PHOTO

FRONT ROW, left-right

Timothy Conner

Brett Allen

Nathaneal Conner

BACK ROW, left-right

Emma Milbrath

Shelby Underwood

Jeremiah Bolin

Tyler Helfert

Mary Milbrath

Timothy Pobanz

Dr. Christensen



Pictured above are nine of twelve organ students of Dr. Christensen who presented an organ recital at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning, Iowa on Sunday, August 19. The program was presented as an opportunity to hear and support the “Organists of the Future.” (The organ in the Manning church is a II/25 1966 Casavant, maintained by the Dobson Company, Lake City, Iowa.)

Of the nine students who played, four are “Young Organist” members of the AGO, Omaha Chapter. Of the nine, seven are teen-agers; two are in their twenties.

One student, Timothy Conner, earned the SPC as a twelve year old; now a 13 year old, Timothy has successfully completed Part I of the CAGO exam, preparing to take Part II this fall. The other three new “Young Organist” members, Jeremiah Bolin, Tyler Helfert and Timothy Pobanz, plan to earn the SPC within a year.

Virtually all of these students contribute to music leadership in Catholic or Lutheran worship. Three accompany full services; two accompany occasional hymns; all play prelude and offering music on occasion.

These students represent a rather wide area, including Ames, Des Moines, Sac City, Manning and Council Bluffs in Iowa; and Eagle and Omaha in Nebraska.





September 9,  
2018  
5:00 p.m.

Omaha Chapter  
AGO  
Kick-Off



### Omaha Chapter AGO Kick-Off



Dear Omaha AGO Members and Friends,

This is an official invitation:

WHAT: 2018-19 Season Kick-Off event  
WHO: Members of Omaha AGO and Friends  
WHEN: Sunday, September 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
WHERE: 170 Nicholas Street, Council Bluffs  
WHY: Supper; Program; Fellowship; Door Prizes  
NOTE: Supper and program are out-of-doors. Parking is available on Nicholas Street and in St. Paul's parking lot, 239 Frank Street. Seating at tables on patio can be reached without steps from Nicholas Street.

This is an invitation for each of you to attend the Kick-Off event for the 2018-19 Season of the Omaha Chapter, AGO. Host is J Gordon Christensen, ("Dr. C.") chapter dean, planning to provide the catered meal for everyone. The program will be presented by Dr. Karen Black, new councilor for the North Central Region, AGO. Dr. Black is on the staff of Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, and was recently elected to the councilor position of North Central Region, AGO. New 2018-19 Membership Booklets will be available; the 2018-19 Season will be announced, including brochures--and door prizes, which include one registration fee for the 2019 North Central Regional Convention in Milwaukee, June 16-19, 2019.

Please RSVP to: [mrc@chase3000.com](mailto:mrc@chase3000.com); or (712) 352-0298 by September 5.

Peace and good will. Psalm 100

Sincerely yours,

J Gordon Christensen, Dean  
Omaha Chapter, AGO



*Dr. Karen Black, DM*

*Pedaling  
Around  
Omaha*



AGO Board  
Members

Committee Chairs



### **Burnett Elected Vice President of AAM**

Marty Wheeler Burnett, Canon Precentor at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and a member of the Omaha Chapter AGO, was elected Vice President of the Association of Anglican Musicians at the organization’s recent national conference in San Antonio. The Vice President serves as the “president elect.” Burnett will serve as President of AAM in 2019-2021.

The Association of Anglican Musicians is an organization of musicians and clergy serving in the worshipping communities of the Episcopal Church and the larger Anglican tradition. Members work and worship in cathedrals, parishes, and missions large and small, theological seminaries, and church-related schools.

Burnett was also recently appointed as a Dean’s Scholar at Virginia Theological Seminary. This prestigious grant allowed her to be in residence at the seminary throughout the month of August while working on composition and writing projects.

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### **CURRENT AGO BOARD MEMBERS 2018-2019**



Dean: J Gordon Christensen, AAGO  
Sub-Dean: Marie Rubis Bauer  
Secretary: Gregory Johnson  
Treasurer: Gina Simpson  
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Sonja Lundgren: 2017/18 2019/20

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