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Soli Deo Gloria

*“Sing psalms,
hymns, and
spiritual songs
with gratitude
in your hearts
to God.”*

Colossians 3:16

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From the Dean ~ Richard Hoogterp

This represents my final communication as Dean of the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. I could not have anticipated that one of my last official actions in that capacity would have been to cancel our chapter events in March, April and May.

I believe that the chapter is in good condition in terms of membership, financial matters, and the presence of an experienced, capable and dedicated Board of Officers. Dr. Michael Match, Director of Music at First Congregational Church, will assume the position of Dean, with Eileen Hoogterp, Sub-Dean; Ron Vanderwest, Secretary; Juanita Joiner, Treasurer; and Councillors Shane Arkels, Greg Borgman, and Melody Walden. As always, I encourage each member to support and take part in chapter activities in every way possible.

I would also like to thank the following members who have agreed to take on “Appointment Positions” for the coming year.

Historian	Richard Hoogterp, CAGO
Professional Development	Peter Kurdziel, DMA
Education	Jacqueline R. Fisher, CAGO
Newsletter	Juanita Joiner
Webmaster	David Gritter
Scholarship	Caron M. Farmer, AAGO
Chaplain	Rev. Kenneth Michnay

In these difficult times, it is inevitable that the American Guild of Organists, at the local and national levels, has felt the earth tremble, just a bit, under its feet. Postponements, uncertainty and general malaise present new challenges, but we may also find new opportunities to continue our important avocation of promoting the organ and its music in 2020-2021. I offer sincere thanks to the current Board of Officers and to all Chapter members for your support and assistance these past three years. It has been an honor to serve as Dean.

Sincerely,

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