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Since that time, our Executive Committee deliberated about resource allocation, balance, flexibility, and priorities. The decision was made to allocate a portion (\$25,000) of the leftover funds to form a reserve account dedicated to education of new organists. The interest from this account will be allocated annually for students and/or new organists for scholarships for such things as (but not necessarily limited to) POEs and AGO conventions. A process will be implemented for eligibility and soliciting applications for financial assistance. The reserve account will continue over time, and can even grow with the addition of charitable gifts for this purpose. The remaining leftover funds will remain in the operating budget and can be used to support enhanced programming for the next few years.

International Year of the Organ

Having some extra funds to support enhanced programming will certainly come in handy for celebrating the 2008-2009 International Year of the Organ. The American Guild of Organists is spearheading this celebration (see <http://www.agohq.org/events/index.html>), which will kick-off at the national convention this summer.

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UPCOMING COLUMBUS AGO MEETING

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David Triano - Spanish Organ Repertoire Workshop

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March 14 - Capital University - Todd Wilson - Friday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Wilson will present a program of Dupre, Bach, Widor, Bizet, Shearing and Sowerby in Mees Hall at Capital University in Bexley.



March 16 - Broad Street Presbyterian Church - James D. Hildreth - Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Hildreth will present his annual recital at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 East Broad Street, Columbus.

March 21 - St. Luke's Church, Granville - The Festival Choir and Choristers Choir of St. Luke's Church, Granville, will sing John Rutter's *Requiem* at St. Luke's on the evening of Good Friday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. The choirs, directed by Scott G. Hayes, organist-choirmaster at St. Luke's, and accompanied by a chamber ensemble comprised of organ, harp, oboe, flute, cello, and percussion, will present this music as an offering to the community. The performance will take place in historic St. Luke's Church, built in 1837, a superb example of Greek revival architecture. Admission is free, and child care will be provided. For further details, call St. Luke's Church, Granville, (740) 587-0167.

March 30 - First Congregational Church - Clive Driskill-Smith, Organ on Sunday, March 30 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Smith will make his Columbus debut with us. He is the sub-organist of Christ Church, Oxford, England. First Congregational Church is located at 444 East Broad Street, Columbus.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio – seeking person(s) to direct their hand bell and choral programs. Contemporary and traditional services. For position information contact the church 740-349-8691 or Music Dept Administrator, Rick Black 740-928-4419, e-mail reb6884@yahoo.com Position open mid-January 2008.

St. John’s Episcopal Church in Lancaster is seeking a Choir Master/Organist. St. John’s is a traditional orthodox parish committed to prayer book worship. Successful applicant should have an understanding of the English choral tradition and Episcopal Anglican literature. They should be committed to glorifying God and uplifting Christ thru the beauty of music. Appreciation of the broad tradition of hymnody, ability to empower labor and participation and willingness to work with children’s ministry is desired. Contact the Rev. William Pursley 740-653-3052 or rector@stjohn-lancaster.org by April 1 if interested or send a resume to the rector at St. John’s, 134 North Broad Street, Lancaster, OH 43130. <http://stjohnlancaster.org>.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINEES

The nominees for Executive Committee (three to be elected) are:

Michael Brittenback
Tom Gerke
Mark Meuser
Dorothy Riley
Mary Ann Stephens
Lucas Weiss

Ballots will be in the next edition of *The Guild*.

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