



Dear Colleague,

The Steering Committee of the 2010 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists is gearing up for a convention with high-caliber recitals, concerts and seminars, social gatherings and sightseeing in Washington DC, all of which we hope will energize and enrich our AGO membership.

Please accept my invitation to attend this very special event, already spoken of as “the hottest National Convention in a long time” (not referring to DC weather!). As many of you may recall, the 1982 DC Convention was a huge success, creating a new standard for excellence, and we look forward to setting a benchmark once again.

In the past months, we have been busy spreading the word. We distributed over 12,000 copies of the enclosed flyer to all AGO Regional Conventions, 19 non-AGO seminars, 8 denominational conferences and 7 student workshops. We travelled to AGO events in Boston, Detroit, Phoenix, Norfolk, and Wichita, and to Oklahoma and Chicago for national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, respectively. Our 8’x10’ exhibit backdrop, reproduced on the flyer, attracted much attention, and we are very pleased with the feedback and encouragement we received.

One of the many innovations of the 2010 Convention is the **Student Organist Participation List (STOPList)** program, which helps underwrite convention expenses for organ students. These talented and hard-working young professionals are tomorrow’s exciting recitalists, dedicated teachers and committed church musicians, and supporting them is a sound investment indeed! We were all young organists once and know how important it is to have the support of mentors, and to be inspired by hearing and meeting some of today’s finest players. The experience of attending the National AGO2010 Convention, at an affordable price, is truly a chance of a lifetime.

To help fund STOPList, we created **The 2010 Club**. Your generous donation of \$2010 will make you a **2010 Club** member, and apart from the satisfaction of supporting promising talents, you will also enjoy special Convention benefits.

The 10 benefits of being a **2010 Club** member include ...

- Convention Registration Fee
- Banquet Ticket
- Courtesy Transportation
- Private July 4th Dinner and viewing of the spectacular DC Fireworks  
*(due to limited seating, this is only available to the earliest sponsors)*
- An Invitation to a VIP Reception for 2010 Club members and STOPList Students

- Reserved Seating at selected Workshops and Performances
- 2010 Club Concierge Service at Convention Headquarters
- Listing in AGO2010 Program Book as a 2010 Club member
- Special 2010 Club Name Badge
- Complimentary AGO2010 Convention Poster

We extend to our 2010 Club members the option to pledge your generous gift...

**Single payment of \$2010 • 4 installments of \$502.50**

Attached you will find a pledge form where you may make your donation selection. Please mail it back with your contribution or initial installment. Your investment and membership will benefit the future of the AGO and serve as an inspiration for these young organists.

Washington DC 2010 AGO Convention promises to be a memorable experience. We invite you, through your generosity, to give young organ students the opportunity to share in this great event.

Thank you –

Ronald Stolk  
2010 Convention Committee Chair

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**GIFT • PLEDGE FORM**

- I prefer to make a single gift of \$2010 to be a member of the 2010 Club
- I hereby pledge \$2010 to be paid in 4 installments of \$ 502.50
- I wish my gift to remain anonymous.
- My gift will be matched by \_\_\_\_\_



**For tax purposes, please send my acknowledgement to:**

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Please make checks or corporate matches payable to **AGO 2010**. Mail gifts or pledges to ...

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