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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

This December Newsletter probably finds all of our members totally preparing for Advent and Christmas. It is a season that is filled with much beautiful music. As Church musicians, we realize that much work and time is spent preparing our individual ministries for this season. Your dedication to this craft is certainly greatly appreciated by your congregations. Please take a moment to catch your breath and relax. May the Advent and Christmas Season bring you much joy and peace. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our RI AGO Members.

Stephen Kirby, Dean
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FROM THE SUB DEAN

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I wish you well as you enter this beautiful Advent and Christmas Season! I have had the great pleasure thus far of serving as your Sub-Dean and have seen and felt some definite stirring in the ranks as I have seen many of you out and about at our events. Last month's Mini-Convention at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Taunton MA was a great success. There were many RIAGO members in attendance and we were well represented!

The day began with a wonderful workshop given in the loft, packed, with no chair to spare. At the organ was Jim Jordan of Paraclete Press who treated us to a wonderful demonstration of accessible and easy to learn preludes and postludes for organ appropriate for many styles of worship as well as seasonal choral works and innovative, popular general anthems that were innovative yet accessible to small choirs and amateur singers. We enjoyed listening to his organ playing and had great fun singing through the choral pieces with him. He remarked that we were the most musical and engaged group he had given the talk to! We received a list of the demonstrated works and a complimentary packet of choral octavos to take home.

During lunch we were entranced by a fascinating lecture and demonstration on Thai Gamelan by Gerald Dyck. At 1:00 we moved back into the church where a large screen had been set up showing St. Andrew's new Meta Organ. With full view of my hands and the console, I gave a short talk and demonstration on four of the organs that were installed on the Meta Organ. After

the recital people got a chance to spend hands-on time with the organ.

Many thanks to Thomas Sargent, Dean of the Southeastern Massachusetts chapter of the AGO, who organized this Mini-Convention, and to Nathaniel Castro, Music Director of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, for hosting this wonderful event. We look forward to future collaborations.

I leave you with a link to a very beautiful timely seasonal piece called *Carol of the Light*, words and music by David Barton, where you can view and listen to the music: <https://paraclesheetmusic.com/product/carol-of-the-light/>. It is beautiful, singable and in unison! Call Jim any time 1-800 451-5006 ext. 328, or visit the press online at www.paraclesheetmusic.com.

Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, Sub-Dean

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Casteel, Eden: 401-932-5589
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Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
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The Rev. Susan Wrathall day 401-737-3127 eve 401-617-0380
Steere & Turner \$16,000 O/D

St. Mary's Episcopal Church 3/18
3055 Main S., PO Box 395, Barnstable, MA 02630
Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson 508-362-3977
rector@stmarys-church.org
Wilhelm \$35-40,000 Minister of Music

The First Universalist Church of Providence 4/18
250 Washington St., Providence, RI 02903
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RIAGO EVENTS 2018-2019

Mark your calendar and look for finalized details as the events approach. (Or see September *Vox Oceana* online for details)

**Saturday, February 2, 2019 [time TBD] -
DISCOVERING OUR ANCIENT ROOTS AND
TRADITIONS**

**Friday, March 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. - KATELYN
EMERSON SOLO RECITAL**

**June 2019, second week [date and time TBD] -
WOMEN IN MUSIC RECITAL**

SUBMISSIONS

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1/4-page ad (3.5"W x 5"H): \$18 -or- 1/8-page ad (3.5"W x 2.5"H): \$10
Flyers you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10. Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.