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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone back on the bench and ready for another church season. Many members have been renewing their memberships and I want to welcome them back. Also, we have been notified by National that we have several new members. I want to welcome them, as well. Our wonderful program chair, **Gigi Mitchell-Velasco**, has planned many interesting and varied events for the year. (See last month's issue for a complete listing.) Our opening event will be at the First Baptist Church in Providence on the topic of Diversity. Gigi will comment more on this evening in her article below. Have a wonderful year. I hope to see many people on October 15 at 7:00pm.

Stephen Kirby, Dean (loftynotes@aol.com)

WELCOME TO RIAGO'S 2018-19 SEASON OPENER, FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE!

Our opening event is upon us, and as Program Chair, I wanted to make sure that you all knew about the first exciting offering which will also include our opening meeting: **DISCOVERING DIVERSITY, Monday, October 15, 7:00 pm, First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street, Providence.**

Don't miss the opportunity to be with us for our Discovering Diversity event which kicks off our 2018-19 season. We will be hosted by the First Baptist Church in America and welcome their Senior Pastor, **Rev. Jamie Washam**, as our newly appointed Chaplain of RIAGO. With this 'Year of Discovery,' our new RIAGO season, we all felt it was important to seek out relationships with others, and in so doing, highlight our own diversity as an organization. We hope to build on this subject and keep the conversation going with other clergy around the state, to forge and maintain strong relations within the Rhode Island clerical community. In future years, we hope to feature different clergy and denominations in further talks and round table discussions.

This year's event will begin with a keynote speech from Chaplain Jamie, then a sharing of new resources for hymns on social justice, diversity and modern language. Fresh from a hymn conference in New York, FBCIA's Minister of Music **Stephen Martorella** will also speak and offer brand new resources hot off the press! If you have a favorite hymn that fits this category, by all means bring it to share with us.

Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, Program Chair

See AGENDA on next page



INTRODUCING REV. JAMIE WASHAM

Young and fearless, Rev. Jamie Washam, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in America was called to be their 37th Settled Minister in 2015. Jamie is a seventh-generation Texan, born and raised in Midland, in a Southern Baptist household. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Austin, Texas and moved to Boston to pursue her Master’s studies. She was ordained in 2001. To hear her speak is to hear a giant, and one is drawn in by her passionate execution and the intense sincerity, clear in each word she speaks. She is, in a word, “brave.” Her world ideas and her convictions involving diversity and social justice are as large as her big heart and love of her family and love for her congregation at the First Baptist Church in America. She has stood up for those who are in need of an advocate and have none. Over and over, she has spoken on the steps of the church alongside other notable clergy in the state and has testified in front of the House Judiciary Committee, always backed by her loving and dedicated congregation. On issue after issue, she has supported and advocated for those who have no voice.



“It is time to move beyond a culture of punishment to one that reduces harm, respects and restores the dignity of all persons...”

–Rev. Jamie Washam

MEETING AGENDA, OCTOBER 15

- Welcome Address, Remarks – Stephen Kirby, Dean
- Introduction of Chaplain, Rev. Jamie Washam – Stephen Martorella
- Keynote Address – Chaplain Jamie
- Short Hymn Sing, talk by Stephen Martorella
- Brief Business Meeting & Installation of Officers
- Refreshments - sweet treats of cakes and pastries

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

Contact Julie Tagen (401-225-9594) to list

St. Mark's Episcopal Church 3/18
111 East Shore Rd., Warwick, RI 02889
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
The Rev. W. Scott Axford 401-751-0821 401-454-1636
\$150/service pipe organ Organist/Director

EVENTS

Saturday, October 13 at 7:30 pm: *Quirks and Oddities*: quirky tunes and odd texts. Featuring **Britten: Rejoice in the Lamb**, and **Marc Hoffeditz: Missa Brevis Brevis**, and music of **Whitacre, Part, Gleilo, Dello Joio, and Nystedt**.

Old West Church, 131 Cambridge Street, Boston. Online: \$15; \$20 at the door-cash or check.

Also **Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 pm:** First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street, Providence. Suggested donation: \$20, cash or check. www.thebrooklineconsort.org

Monday, October 15 at 7:00 pm: RIAGO Opening Meeting
See pages 1, 2 for details, agenda.

Sunday, October 21 at 5:30 pm: Memorial Organ Recital at S. Stephen's Church with choirmaster and organist **James Busby** and guest **Kevin Darrow**, oboe. Works of **Clérambault, J. S. Bach, W. A. Mozart, Mendelssohn, Franck, Guy Bovet, Joseph-Ermond Bonnal, and Vierne**. Free; free-will offering to benefit the music program. Reception follows the service. All welcome. 114 George Street, Providence.

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MEMBER MATTERS

We note with sadness the news of the passing of long-time member **Lois Conboy**, who died in Minnesota. Our condolences go out to her husband, Pastor Tom Conboy and her family and friends. Services will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 126 Angell Road, Cumberland, with calling hours 4-8 on Friday, October 12 and Service to the Witness of the Resurrection at the church on Saturday, October 13 at 10:30 am.

(To contact Tom: Revconboy@verizon.net)

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DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to altheaallard@gmail.com or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. ADVERTISING: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), or TIFF. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution. Email to altheaallard@gmail.com

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Flyers you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10. Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.