

**MINI-CONVENTION XI**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2009**

Sponsored by  
**THE MERRIMACK VALLEY CHAPTER, A.G.O.**

Mini-Convention No. 11 is coming soon, and we look forward to seeing a lot of familiar faces and many new ones too. Invite a friend, student, or the new organist in town. *Please note the change of date!* We have another interesting and varied lineup for you again this year, based on suggestions by former attendees and our chapter members. The anthem reading will include some donated samples from GIA. There will be CDs, music and other items for sale, and attendees are welcome to bring "pre-owned" music and books for our Scholarship Fund flea market table. **Raspberries of Andover** will again be providing a delicious catered lunch, and there will be time for socializing and browsing. Here's the schedule (bring it with you!):

- 8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:45 Anthem Reading led by MVAGO members.**
- 10:00 – 10:45 Bernadette Colley: "Resources in the South African Choral Tradition"**
- 11:00 – 11:45 Andrew Shenton: "Approaching Mendelssohn's Organ Music."**
- 12:00 Noon Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:15 William Tortolano: "Gregory Who? Gregorian Chant!"**
- 2:30 – 3:15 Jim & Maggi Dalton: "A Songful Communitas: Using Folk Music in the Church"**

The 2009 Mini-Convention will again be held at **First Calvary Baptist Church**, at the intersection of Route 125 and Massachusetts Ave. in North Andover (same location as last year). From I-495 take Exit 43 (Massachusetts Ave. – North Andover); follow Mass. Ave. south about two miles, past one traffic light, until you see another traffic light ahead (Rte. 125). The church is a modern building on the left, just before the intersection, and entrance to the large parking lot is just before you get to the church.

Mindful of the present recession and its possible effects on many of you, we are keeping the cost the same as in the past few years. Full day is still \$48.00, and either a morning or afternoon half-day session is \$32.00. Lunch is included in all registrations, whether full-day or half-day. Students with appropriate i.d. may take \$10.00 off the cost. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register, cut and complete the form below, enclose a check or money order payable to MVAGO Mini-Convention and mail to Ruth Bowers, Registrar, 25 Pine Road, Beverly, MA 01915-3729, by February 28, 2009.

Membership in the American Guild of Organists is not required for attendance at this Mini-Convention. Please photocopy and pass this flyer around to your colleagues, friends, and *especially* students. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Barbara Owen (978-465-2068; owenbar@juno.com) or Ruth Bowers (978-922-8137; Ruth.Bowers@comcast.net).

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**Convention Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

All Day \_\_\_\_\_ Morning only \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon only \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Detach and mail this form with your registration fee to Ruth H. Bowers, 25 Pine Road, Beverly, MA 01915-3729 before February 28, 2009.**

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