



# Fort Worth Chapter American Guild of Organists

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Headquarters of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) has bestowed the following certification award to:

**MICHAEL LIVELY, CAGO**  
**Colleague Certification**

Michael Lively is now authorized and entitled to bear the post nominal of "CAGO."

The certificate was earned by successful completion of a comprehensive and difficult examination in organ performance of organ repertoire, choir accompaniment, vocal soloist accompaniment, harmonization of a given tune, transposition of a hymn to other keys, sight reading a three-stave score, and bridging two hymns through modulation and improvisation. The examination was juried by a national panel of jurors esteemed as some of the top organists in our country. This distinction bears witness to Michael's superior knowledge and talent, and to his skill in applying his gifts to his work as an organist.

Michael will be receiving from the AGO National Headquarters an engraved certificate that confirms his achievement. Only a minor population of our country's organists are certified; therefore, I want to stress that certification awards represent an important achievement in the organist career field.

The AGO was chartered in 1896 by the Board of Regents at the University of the State of New York to administer a comprehensive series of examinations for professional certification. AGO's certification program for organists is comparable to license and accreditation board standards in other fields, such as accounting (*e.g.*, CPA), education, medicine law, and other professions.

Please join me in congratulating Michael on his achievement of this professional distinction.

Sincerely,

Kyla Rosenberger, CAGO

Chapter Dean

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