



## Cleveland Chapter, American Guild of Organists

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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you with an update regarding our merger negotiations with the Akron Chapter. During a meeting of our two merger subcommittees, we agreed to host our joint Town Hall on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30 PM. Here is a link to the Zoom meeting: (LINK FROM DAN)

During the meeting, the two subcommittees will present details about the merger process and will then open the floor to any questions that the general memberships of both chapters may have. We welcome your input and if you are unable to attend this event, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, Kelsey Berg, or Jim Riggs with your questions and we would be happy to broach them at the meeting.

After consulting both of the chapter's schedules, the two subcommittees decided to run the election from October 15th until the 31st. Further information about the online ballot will be forthcoming. Should you know any member who may be in-need of a paper ballot, please do let me know.

Lastly, the two boards have voted on a potential name change should the merger be approved. Recognizing that we are both daughter chapters of the Northern Ohio Chapter and that our geographic range runs from Sandusky to Ashtabula, we both believe a new name is warranted. As such, we propose for your approval the adoption of the "Northeast Ohio Chapter" for our combined chapters.

Again, the Cleveland AGO Board would like to thank our counterparts in Akron for their foresight in ensuring the continued stewardship of their nearly 80-year legacy. We are excited for what the future may hold!

Sincerely yours,

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