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Fellow Musicians of the Diocese of Cleveland,

I send this message to the membership as my last missive before my term as Chapter Director is over.

I wish to thank the previous leaders of CLE NPM who built such a strong foundation upon which we were able to continue to have our chapter progress. There are many good things associated with the Cleveland chapter that are well remembered and well spoken of, both locally and nationally. I thank those that came before me in all the leadership positions. Job well done.



For those who worked together during the past 6 years to continue to grow the chapter, I thank you profoundly. Together we have accomplished many good things. Again, job well done.

Earlier in the spring we put out a request for a new chapter director. Marc Weagraff, from Baldwin Wallace University and Our Lady of Grace Church in Hinckley, expressed an interest in taking the job, though he was the only one who did. It was providence. The executive board all felt an election was not necessary, as Marc was the only one running. Below, please find his bio.

Marc Weagraff

Marc Weagraff is Associate Professor of Voice and Choral Studies at Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of



Music. He holds the D.M.A. degree in voice performance from The University of Michigan; with M.M. and B.M. degrees in voice performance from The Cleveland Institute of Music. Dr. Weagraff has a firmly established reputation as a teacher of excellence. His students have performed with national and international opera programs (Sarasota, Hawaii Performing Arts, AIMS, FAVA, AVA Russian Intensive, others), in leading roles on Broadway (Mean Girls, Les Mis, Ghost, Bring it on!, Rock of Ages, others), in numerous national and international tours (Hamilton, American Idiot, Book of Mormon, West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera, others), on network television, and have been accepted to top-tier graduate programs in voice

(Curtis, CCM, NEC, Eastman, Yale, others).

Dr. Weagraff studied voice with Lorna Haywood and George Vassos and choral conducting under Theo Morrison. His opera credits include roles with Cleveland Opera Theater, The Utah Opera Company, Lyric Opera Cleveland, Cleveland Concert Opera, Michigan Opera Works, The University of Michigan, The University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society, and the Cleveland Institute of Music as well as numerous performances in musical theater programs.

As Director of Music Ministries at St. Noel Church in Willoughby Hills, OH., his choirs performed in Rome and Assisi, Italy including the world-wide telecast of the 2007 New Year's Day Papal Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and in concert at San Ignazio Church. They also performed throughout the greater Cleveland area including at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and the regional NPM convention. Dr. Weagraff recently returned to active music ministry and is the Co-Director of Music at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Hinckley, OH.

As you can see, his education and experience will make him an excellent leader for our chapter. I ask that you give him your full attention and support. He will assume the reins on July 1.

As we progress, I also ask you to consider sharing your gifts with the chapter in ways that you may not have thought about. In speaking with musicians of the diocese, I have found that everyone has something to offer. Every parish is different, and the way that you do things in your parish could be greatly enhanced by the way you find out someone is doing things in theirs. And, in return, that person could take something home with them that you do that they might never have thought about. Networking is our best resource.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being Chapter Director and I thank all the musicians, religious, clergy, and hierarchy for supporting our organization and what we do in our ministry. Please keep me in prayer, as I will do for you.

[Herb Dillahunt](#)

soon to be

Chapter Director Emeritus



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