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# CODE OF ETHICS

Adopted by the National Council on October 23, 1933,  
as revised through July 2, 2000.

**Preamble:** The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Guild. They shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.

**RULE 1.** Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address difference between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the Discipline.

**RULE 2.** Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.

**RULE 3.** In cases pending under the Procedures or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved. Interim services may be provided for a period of ninety days.

**RULE 4.** Before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service, members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician. In cases where this engagement has been requested by a third party, it is appropriate for the third party to offer the incumbent his/her customary fee. It is the responsibility of members to inform the third party of this rule.

**RULE 5.** Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matters of a personal or confidential nature.

**RULE 6.** Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

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