

## **GUIDELINES FOR MUSIC AT FUNERAL SERVICES**

The organist of the church should be given the first choice of playing for a funeral at his/her church. Members of the Lincoln Chapter, American Guild of Organists (AGO), unanimously support the policy of not playing for funerals at fellow organists' churches except under extraordinary circumstances.

### **FEES**

The Guild in no way intends to dictate the fees paid to the staff organist of any mortuary or to any soloist, but only to suggest appropriate fees for organists who are engaged to play a single funeral service.

The organist's minimum fee recommended by the Lincoln Chapter, AGO, for a church funeral service is:

Funeral	\$150
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This fee should be paid prior to the service.

Because church music is a ministry, members of the AGO stand ready to waive part or all of these fees at their churches, if financial limitations would prevent the bereaved from having any music at the funeral.