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## Credentials

- **Doctor of Musical Arts in Church Music and Organ, The University of Michigan, May 1992**, Advisor and Organ Instructor: Robert Glasgow
  - **Associate of the American Guild of Organists (AAGO)**
  - **Master of Music in Church Music and Organ, The University of Michigan, July 1989**, Organ Instructor: Robert Glasgow
  - **Bachelor of Arts in Church Music, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan; May 1987**
  - Additional private instruction in organ with Paul Manz and Huw Lewis
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## Experience

- **Minister of Music, Worship and Fine Arts:** Plymouth First United Methodist Church (900 members), June 2006 - present. Duties including directing Chancel Choir and Orchestra, directing bell choir and children's choir for 10 years, creation and oversight of the Music@First Fine Arts Academy and NOTEworthy Concert series, planning worship, overseeing all aspects of music ministry and supervising four part-time music staff, fundraising for special projects, planning and leading music ministry mission trips, creation of audio and video materials for online worship
- **Associate Director of Music/Organist:** Plymouth First United Methodist Church, August 2005 - May 2006.
- **North American Correspondent** for Choir & Organ magazine, 2000 - 2008
- **Director of Music and Organist:** Glenview Community Church (1600 members), Glenview, Illinois, September 1995 - June 2005. Duties included administrating and promoting development of the music program, directing handbell choir, serving as organist, supervising other three part-time music staff, overseeing design and installation of new pipe organ, developing organ concert series.
- **Interim Director of Music:** First Presbyterian Church (2400 members); Lake Forest, Illinois, December 1994 - August 1995. Responsibilities expanded to include directing adult choir, two adult handbell choirs, development of folk choir, administration of music program, serving as organist.

- **Organist and Director of Lakeminster Ringers:** First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest, Illinois, Organist, January 1994 - August 1995.
- **Interim Organist:** Glenview Community Church; Glenview, Illinois, October - December 1993.
- **Director of Music:** Christ Church United Methodist, Glens Falls, New York, January - August 1993. Revitalized music program; directed adult choir and tripled its membership, established and directed handbell and children's choirs; served as organist.
- **Minister of Parish Music:** Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan, July 1990 - July 1992. Supervised music program; directed adult and handbell choirs; established and directed a children's choir; served as organist.
- **Director of Music:** First United Methodist Church, Garden City, Michigan, October 1987 - June 1990. Directed adult, handbell, and youth choirs; served as organist; organized music for ecumenical services.
- **Assistant Organist/Choir Director:** First United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 1986 - August 1987.
- **Chancel Choir Director:** Bethel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 1985 - June 1986.

## Professional Service and Membership

- **Director, National AGO Development Committee,** 2012 - 2013 and committee member 2009 – 2015
- **Director, National AGO Committee for Membership Development and Chapter Support,** July 2006-2008 (committee member 2002 - 2008)
- **Fundraising Chair,** Ann Arbor AGO Pipe Organ Encounter, 2014
- **Chair, Gifts and Grants, 2006 National AGO Convention**
- **Member, Steering Committee, 2006 National AGO Convention**
- **Writer for *The Diapason*,** reviews and articles, 1994 - 2008
- **Member,** National AGO Task Force for Issues of Guild Inclusiveness, 2004 - 2005
- **Dean,** North Shore Chapter American Guild of Organists, 1997-99
- **Sub-Dean,** North Shore Chapter American Guild of Organists, 1995-97
- **Member,** American Choral Directors Association
- **Member,** American Guild of Organists
- **Member,** Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians in Worship and the Arts
- **Committee Member,** Michigan Organ Improvisation Competition, 2010 – 2013
- **Board Member,** Ann Arbor AGO, 2007 - 2010

## Recordings and Publications (complete list and samples at [mvanoyen.com](http://mvanoyen.com) and videos on YouTube - [www.youtube.com/channel/UCznKx9KICC5MYmqDHUXoAaQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCznKx9KICC5MYmqDHUXoAaQ))

- **Sanctuary** – music performed by the Plymouth First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Festival Bells; organ music performed by Marcia Van Oyen, May 2015

- **Visions of Eternity** – organ music evoking themes of resurrection and eternal life, Raven Recordings, OAR-570, © 2001
  - **Fanfares, Flourishes and Trumpet Tunes** – organ music for weddings and ceremonial occasions, recorded at Glenview Community Church, November 2000.
  - **A Handbook for Organ Committees** – a pipe organ project guide for organ committees, self-published 2000, now available at mvanoyen.com for free download
  - **Published journal articles** on the pipe organ and related topics for The Diapason, The American Organist and Choir and Organ.
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## Additional Accomplishments and Honors

- **Creator of online audio and video content for online worship** from newly recorded and archival performances using Adobe Premier, Audacity, Adobe Spark and MS Video Editor.
- **Composer of two choral anthems**
  - Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (2008) – choral arrangement of the hymn by Cesareo Gabarin for SATB and piano, also version for SAB choir and piano (recording available at [www.mvanoyen.com](http://www.mvanoyen.com))
  - Covenant Prayer (October 2018) –original composition, text is a paraphrase of a prayer by John Wesley for SATB choir and piano
- **Authored hymn text “Five-Fold Promise”** (September 2018) to support sermon series on the United Methodist membership vows
- **Anthem Commissioned in My Honor** by Plymouth First United Methodist Church congregation, “O God Beyond All Praising” by Mark Hayes, May 2011.
- **Performer at 2006 AGO National Convention** in Chicago, pre-concert recital
- **Plymouth First United Methodist Church Festivals and Auditioned Performances:** International Church Music Festival in Stowe, Vermont 2008; United Methodist General Conference, Tampa, Florida 2012; Cathedral Series Choral Festival in Chicago 2016; Masterworks Series Choral Festival in San Francisco 2019
- **Winner, 1996 Jean and Broadus Staley Hymn-Playing Competition**, sponsored by the American Center for Church Music and part of the University of Michigan Organ Conference
- **Finalist, 1995 Jean and Broadus Staley Hymn-Playing Competition**