

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: NAOMI ROWLEY

This year marks the nineteenth season that Naomi Rowley has enjoyed the privilege and pleasure of participating in the Summer Recital Series.

An experienced organ teacher and workshop clinician, Dr. Rowley has led clinics in more than twenty states. She has taught at several institutions including Elmhurst College as well as the Lawrence Academy of Music. Currently Naomi is Adjunct Instructor in Organ at Aurora University, Aurora, Illinois.

She has served several churches as organist including the First Methodist Church of Appleton. Recently Naomi retired as organist of the First Methodist Church of La Grange, Illinois, and continues to be active as a substitute.

An active member of the American Guild of Organists, this summer Dr. Rowley completed a three-year term on the board of the Fox Valley (western suburban Chicago) Chapter. Previously she served as Dean of three different AGO chapters; in addition, Naomi served for six years as chairperson of the National AGO Committee on the New Organist; this committee's portfolio includes the POE & POE+ program.

A past winner of the Chicago Club of Women Organists' Gruenstein Competition, Naomi earned the DMA and MA degrees from Stanford University. She received the BM degree from Valparaiso University.