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Dear Arthur:

All of the planning, construction, and introduction of the new Schlueter organ to the congregation early this year, capped off by the recitals presented at the American Guild of Organists' National Convention in July, has been a wonderful experience for The New York Avenue Church. The undersigned wish to express their admiration and thanks for the efforts of you and your organization in successfully accomplishing this complex assignment.

From your first introduction to the church and its mission over three years ago, NYAPC's leaders and congregants have appreciated your firm's strong commitment to building a fine instrument uniquely suitable for our needs, our building and our interest in preserving the best of the historic organ. We understood the challenges presented by the rebuilding of the chancel as the new home of the instrument. Your candor and detailed explanations of the numerous design and engineering adjustments required during the organ's layout and construction were very helpful for the officers of the church and the organ committee. Your expert staff members who spent weeks at a time in on-site construction were invariably informative and gracious in explaining their labors. We also appreciated your willingness to take advantage of opportunities to expand and improve the stoplist, especially your interest in reusing historic ranks of pipes.

As the completion of the instrument drew near, we benefited from your detailed description of the tuning and voicing process and its relationship with the acoustical qualities of the worship space, as well as the needs for long-term care of the instrument. Our consultant, Mac Range, attested to the high quality of your construction and the tuning/voicing process and pointed out specific examples when showing several of us interior details of the construction.

To reiterate: we applaud the efforts of your company to build an exemplary instrument in difficult circumstances that required close interrelationships with our church officers and congregation. We thank God for your work.

Roger Gench

Norman Herring

Douglas Porter

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