

# RCCO TORONTO CENTRE SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST LIST

Included in this list is the contact information for organists in the Greater Toronto Area who are available as substitutes. Several of the organists on this list have provided a short biography detailing their experience, which you can read on the following pages of this document.

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## **Note on the Organist Biographies:**

*Organists have been asked to provide details on their experience, what types of services and organs they are open to playing, general availability, and where in the GTA they are located.*

## **J.- C. Coolen**

Over 25 years' experience in worship music leadership (organ, piano, choral), primarily in the United Church of Canada congregations. Comfort and familiarity in leading music in a wide range of liturgical contexts (including United Church, Anglican, Roman Catholic and evangelical), including traditional choral+organ, folk, praise and worship, Taizé, etc. (except

jazz). Able to cantor (baritone), and while playing piano. Skilled handbell conductor and ringer. Sunday morning availability is limited to select summer Sundays, but year-round availability for other worship times on Saturdays/Sundays, as well as weekdays. Geographic preference: Toronto/York/Durham.

### **George Fung**

ARCT in Organ Performance and ARCT in Piano Performance. Experienced organist and pianist, recently retired after 30+ years of regular organist/choirmaster positions. Excellent sight-reader and very familiar with Presbyterian, United, Roman Catholic, and Anglican services. Well-versed in rehearsing and directing choirs, and can conduct choirs from the organ console. I live in Vaughan and have a car. Many have said that I have a very friendly, easy-going attitude as an organist.

**Quirino Di Giulio** (BA, Bed, MA, ARCT (gold medal), LTCL)

### **Gerald Martindale**

I have 25 years experience as a supply organist. I have a Bachelor of Musical Arts degree, ARCT, ARCCO and I'm a Registered Music Teacher. I'm willing to play anywhere in Toronto or surrounding municipalities that can be reached by public transit. I have experience playing the organ for liturgical and non-liturgical churches. Also, I'm willing to take on interim positions as Organist and Choir Director.

### **Hazel Ogilvie**

I started my first position as organist and choir director in 1997. I continued in a full-time position until 2012, when my Church was closed down by the Diocese. During those years I worked in an Anglican Church, except for three and a half years in a Baptist Church. I am familiar with the Anglican Liturgy and Contemporary Worship, Praise Songs etc. I will travel out of town in the summer or good weather.

### **David Simon**

Director of Music, Church of St. Mary Magdalene. DMA, FRCCO. Available for Sunday evenings, weddings, funerals, accompanying, and other musical projects. Email preferred.

### **Peggy Wong**

I am a graduate from the University of Toronto, Royal Conservatory of Music and the Trinity College of Music. I have been a Choir Director and Organist for various Anglican Churches for over twenty-five years. I have experience supplying for different denominations and am available for Sunday Services, Weddings, Funerals and interim positions.