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July 11, 1996

The Rev. Mr. Thomas A. Duval, Pastor Ms. Laurie Johnson Word of Hope Lutheran Church 1870 Armstrong Mill Road Lexington, Kentucky 40517 anyone interested will central them first. Called 1/21/98 in their flyer the end of Jeb.

Call Naomi

Dear Ms. Johnson and Pastor Duval,

Diapaison, ACLM, AGO,

Thank you for taking time to show me the pipe organ in the Word of Hope Lutheran Church. I have done some research on your instrument and found that there were actually two instruments that were nearly identical used by the Brandt firm. Both were "kit organs" made by Flentrop, a Dutch organized firm. I believe they were from the late 50's.

The electronic pedal was not installed by the Brandt firm. It appears to have been made by Peterson Electro-Musical Products of Worth, IL. They are one of the major suppliers of solid-state switching and control systems to the organ industry. We use a great deal of their equipment and are certain that this is equipment that we can service for you.

As I mentioned during my visit with you, the organ's main need is for a thorough tuning. My initial impression was confirmed in talking with one of the former Brandt people; the back panels make it very difficult to tune the organ. Closing the panels changes the pitch of the pipes. Thus when you tune with the panel open to reach the pipe and then close the door, the tuning changes. It will take a little longer to tune the organ due to this problem but it is not an uncommon occurrence in encased instruments.

Here is what I believe needs to be done to the organ. (1). Glue on the missing stop control now in the pastor's possession. (2). Complete tuning of the organ. (3). Adjust the pedal contacts (this seems to be the main problem with the pedal stop) and move the pedalboard back into proper alignment. (4). See what will be required to reactivate the pedal pull-down action.

I estimate that if this work can be done along with one of our other Lexington clients, that it will cost between \$350 and \$400. Michael Israel, our service department manager, will begin drawing up the September tuning visit schedule in early August. It would be helpful to know by that time if you wish to be included with our other Lexington work.

It usually takes us a year or so to get a good feel for an instrument and how it is going to react from one climatic season to the next. You have a delightful little organ and I would recommend that you consider keeping it. If you decide you no longer wish to use the organ, we will work with you to find a buyer.

Thank you for contacting us. I look forward to working with you for many years to come. If you have any questions, please give me a call on our toll-free number.

Cordially yours,

MILLER PIPE ORGAN CO.

James E. Miller

President

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