
Subject: Vergers Guild in DWTX

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent greetings to you, in the Name of our Lord Jesus, who was and is and is to come!

Vergers are lay liturgical ministers who serve under the direction of their priest, assisting in the organization and carrying-out of worship services. Most of us know about vergers, and though we don't encounter them too often in our diocese, their ministry is highly valued in the places they serve.

This to let you know that vergers within the Diocese of West Texas have recently organized an official diocesan Chapter of the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church. Members of the Chapter are happily available to speak with you about the ministry of vergers, as well as to assist with training, should you be interested in such.

Michael Mortensen of St. Luke's, San Antonio, is the primary contact person. You can reach him at michaelmort@att.net or

210-240-2637. Ron Graham of Reconciliation, San Antonio, was the initial convener of the group, and he can be reached at ronnbetty@gmail.com or 210-998-9086.

The Rev. Canon Omar Pitman has been appointed by us to serve as Chaplain to the vergers.

We are grateful to this group of vergers for their service and for their willingness to assist in the worship life of our congregations in this way.

We pray that the watching, waiting and preparing with hope that characterize our worship in this holy season may bring refreshment and renewal to you and your congregation.

Faithfully yours,

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