

Founding Meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the VGEC

Meeting Notes and Report – April 26, 2014

Dana Gaspar and Richard Parker had an initial meeting on Feb. 22, 2014. Dana and Richard discussed plans for an initial meeting of Vergers right after Holy Week 2014.

We received a list of Vergers in our Diocese from Scott Smith. Richard typed out mailing labels and Dana entered all of the email addresses. Richard also wrote the letter of invitation and had 50 copies printed. Dana and Richard met again in early spring to address the envelopes and fold the letters.

After the letters were mailed, Dana sent the same letter by email to all Vergers. Our response was decent although we had hoped for more participation. The first meeting of Vergers was held at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Burlington, NC on April 26, 2014. Seven Vergers attended the meeting.

The Rev. Adam Shoemaker welcomed the group to his parish and expressed his thanks for the role of the Verger. He then listened to comments from the Vergers about their specific roles in their parish.

The following churches were represented:

- St. Philip's Church, Durham, NC
- St. Andrews Church, Greensboro
- St. Albans Church, Davidson, NC
- Holy Comforter Church, Burlington, NC
- Holy Comforter Church, Charlotte, NC
- Christ Church, Walnut Cove, NC

There were about ten other Vergers who expressed interest but were unable to attend. They may have been resting after Holy Week or out of town. Anyway, we think more will attend our next meeting scheduled for August in Durham, NC.

Our first order of business is to create a mission statement and by laws to govern the Chapter. We have all been given a copy of the mission statement and by laws for the Diocese of Texas. Our core committee of 7 is reviewing the documents and making some changes. We will meet again in about 3 weeks to discuss the final document.

We plan to contact the Vergers of NC again and present our documents and ask them to come to the August meeting. At our next meeting, we will probably elect officers and set a more permanent meeting schedule. At this time, Richard Parker is the only one of the core group who plans to attend the annual conference in Canada.

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