



The Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church
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Greetings from the Vergers' Guild!

We have just completed an incredible week spreading the word about the **ministry of the verger** to thousands of General Convention attendees in Indianapolis, Indiana! This was a tremendous opportunity for us to share with clergy and laity about how vergers are helping and making a difference today in the Episcopal Church. We passed out thousands of **got vergers?** bumper stickers and we have included one here for you.

Each year the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church hosts a national conference for those currently serving as vergers or those contemplating this area of service. **I want to personally invite interested people in your parish or diocese to our 24th Annual VGEC Conference this year at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Lakeland, Florida!**

New and experienced vergers will gather to attend workshops, exchange ideas, and be supported by the fellowship of other vergers. Offerings at this year's conference address large and small parishes; Verger 101 for new vergers; dealing with transition in the church or a verger's service; making your own Eucharistic Bread; parish security and other activities listed in the attached brochure.

Continuing our tradition, the VGEC is offering some **scholarship assistance for first-timers**, youth attendees, and those with a financial-need. Information is available at vergers.org/2012 concerning the application process. Remember that vergers.org is the main source of information on membership, training, the Guild Shop, document library, and so much more!

If you have a verger, master of ceremony, sacristan, lay ministry chair, acolyte master, or other interested persons in your parish who are not active in the Guild, please consider having them join the VGEC and consider attending the conference this year to learn more. This would be an opportunity to learn and share ideas to facilitate worship from other parishes in the church. Also later this year we will be publishing our 2012 yearbook and would love to include your parish if you have someone in this capacity.

Those interested may register online at vergers.org/register or use the registration form on the back of the conference brochure in this mailing.

Please let me know if I can provide addition information and I invite you to visit our web site at vergers.org/2012 for complete information.

Christ's Peace,

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