



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

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 to put on your car to show your support of vergers in your community.

I want to personally invite you 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.

Many members of the VGEC will have completed "A Course of Training for a Verger" and will be in attendance to receive their certificate and virge as a "Fellow of the Guild."

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 know of others who serve as a verger, master of ceremony, sacristan, lay ministry chair, acolyte master, or other interested persons in your parish or another parish who are not active in the Guild, please consider having them join the Guild. They might also consider attending the conference this year to learn more! Later this year we will be publishing our 2012 yearbook and would love to include all parishes that have someone in this capacity. If you have not uploaded your head-shot for the yearbook, please do so at vergers.org.

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

Let me know if I can provide additional information. I invite you to visit our website at vergers.org/2012 for complete information. I hope to see you in Lakeland!

Christ's Peace,

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