



# Annual Conference of the Vergers Guild

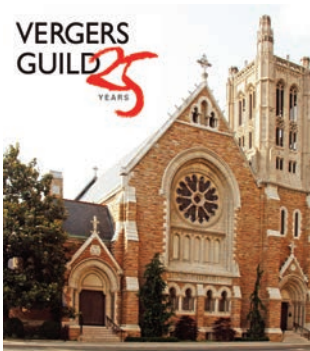
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Join us on Thursday October 3  
through Sunday October 6, 2013 for  
the largest gathering of vergers ever!



The Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church will gather for a special 25th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday October 3, 2013 through Sunday October 6, 2013 at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, Tennessee.

Nashville was the site of the founding and first VGEC Annual Conference at St. George's Episcopal Church in 1989. We will be celebrating 25 years of history of the Vergers Guild and we will be looking forward to many more years of providing our ministry of service and welcome throughout the Episcopal Church nationwide.

This is will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for many members of the Guild to come together to celebrate our rich history and to experience fellowship, training, business, and worship. We will be hosted and coordinated this year by the vergers of Tennessee.



## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Founders Evensong at St. George's Episcopal Church, site of first Annual Conference of the VGEC in 1989
- Friday Morning Eucharist at historic Christ Church Cathedral
- Keynote Address by John Campbell, Dean's Verger, Lincoln Cathedral, England
- Verger 101 - Hands on for the new Verger
- Verger 307 - Advanced Discussion Topics for the more Experienced Verger
- The Customary of Tabernacles, Aumbries, Oils, and Sanctuary Lights
- Historical Perspective on the 1982 Hymnal
- First Friday Liturgy
- Entertainment and dining in Downtown "Music City"
- The Feast of St. Francis with Blessing of the Animals
- Business Meeting and election of fourth President of the Vergers Guild
- President's Luncheon hosted by VGEC President Margaret McLarty
- Multiple Saturday afternoon excursion options
- 25th Anniversary Gala Reception and Banquet with Awards and Recognitions from 25 years of Verging
- Two Official 2013 Conference Photos
- Solemn Festival Eucharist with the Cathedral Choir and Procession of Vergers

Join us online at  
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## Basic Conference Information

**Dates** Thursday October 3 through Sunday  
October 6, 2013

**Host Parish** Christ Church Cathedral  
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christcathedral.org  
615.255.7729

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### 25th Annual Celebration Event Host Committee

The Very Rev. Timothy E. Kimbrough, Dean and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, along with vergers from the state of Tennessee are your hosts for the 25th Anniversary Celebration Conference. Our goal for the conference is to make certain that everything is well planned and executed - just the way vergers would do it!



2013 Host Committee at work

## Conference Registration

*Register online today!*

Conference registration is available online through the [VGEC Guild Shoppe Online Store](#) using Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

Registrations through August 1, 2013 are \$200.00 per person. Registrations after August 1, 2013 are \$250.00 per person.

We hope that spouses and partners will also register for the conference and will attend many conference events. There are several sessions and events (tour of the nave, the presentation on the 1982 hymnal, First Friday, Blessing of the Animals, Nashville area tours, etc.) that are geared toward the non-verger so there should be plenty for everyone to do!

The cost for all conference attendees (members and spouses and partners) is the same because the expenses are all the same for everyone. For this reason too, we do not price individual parts of the conference.

If you need assistance with your registration, please contact Bill Gleason, Guild Shop Manager and Conference Registration Coordinator at [bill@vergers.org](mailto:bill@vergers.org) or call 615.812.9440.

After registering online you will receive a confirmation email as your transaction receipt.

You will also receive another email with a link to use to specify your session preferences. This will help us plan for space and accommodations for various events.

Cancellations made on or before August 31, 2013 will be fully refunded. After August 31, 2013 there will be a \$50 cancellation fee.

You may also register using a manual form with a check, but we urge everyone to use the online system to reduce errors and to save the time and money involved with handling manual forms and payments.

Please contact Bill at [bill@vergers.org](mailto:bill@vergers.org) for more information regarding registration, session preferences, fees, or refunds.

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## Accommodations

Hotel rooms in Nashville are at a premium this weekend as home football games include Vanderbilt vs. the University of Missouri on Saturday and the Titans vs. Kansas City on Sunday.

### The Official Conference Hotel is:

The Holiday Inn Express  
Downtown Nashville  
920 Broadway,  
Nashville, TN 37203  
615.244.0150  
[hiexndt.com](http://hiexndt.com)



The Holiday Inn Express is the official VGEC Conference Hotel in 2013. It is conveniently located right next door to the Cathedral Campus. The Conference rate is \$145 per night for a standard room with a king bed or two double beds. The Holiday Inn Express has a complimentary breakfast each morning.

We have a total of 90 rooms on contract at the Holiday Inn Express. Half are already sold out. The deadline for making reservations at the conference rate is August 1, 2013.

The Holiday Inn Express only allows service animals.

Online reservations may be made online at [vergers.org/2103](http://vergers.org/2103). The discount code is VGE.

Rooms for early arrival are already sold out. The closer we get to the date of the conference, the less likely you will be able to reserve the rooms that you want at the conference rate, so register now!

If you need help, please contact Courtney Krich at [ckrich@hiexndt.com](mailto:ckrich@hiexndt.com) or call 615.244.0268.

### Hotel Parking - Holiday Inn

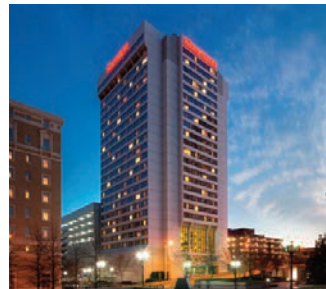
Discount onsite parking at the Holiday Inn Express is available for \$10.00 per vehicle per day plus applicable taxes. Parking is available on a first come, first serve basis. Standard parking charges are \$19.00 per day per vehicle.

### The Alternate Hotel

The Downtown Sheraton Hotel  
623 Union Street, Nashville, TN 37219  
615.259.2000  
[sheratonnashvilledowntown.com](http://sheratonnashvilledowntown.com)

The Sheraton Downtown is located 4 blocks from the Cathedral Campus. It is a comfortable walking distance and there will be a shuttle service to and from the hotel and the church during the conference.

The Conference rate is \$199 per night for a single, double, or triple room.



We have a total of 60 rooms on contract at the Sheraton.

The Sheraton is a pet friendly hotel. Please contact the hotel for additional information.

Online reservations will be available soon. If you need help, contact Jess Johnson at [jjohnson@sheraton-nashville.com](mailto:jjohnson@sheraton-nashville.com) or call 615.742.6036.

### Hotel Parking - Sheraton

Current parking garage prices for overnight guest are \$24.00 daily for self-parking or \$26.00 daily for valet. Parking rates are subject to change without notice.

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### A Peaceful Location at an Affordable Price:

Scarritt-Bennett Center  
1008 19th Avenue South  
Nashville, TN 37212  
615.340.7500  
scarrittbennett.org

Scarritt-Bennett Center offers comfortable, affordable, dormitory style overnight accommodations. It is located next to Vanderbilt University on ten acres with historic United Methodist architecture.

It is not possible to walk to the Cathedral Campus from this location, so a car is recommended.

The rate is \$50 per night for a single room. Two rooms share one bathroom.

The Scarritt-Bennett Center is unable to accommodate pets.

For reservations or more information, contact [reservations@scarrittbennett.org](mailto:reservations@scarrittbennett.org) or call 615.340.7500.

Parking at the Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Parking is free. Contact them for more information

### Pets - Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 5, 2013 we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with Blessing of the Animals, therefore it is important to note that only certified service animals are allowed at the conference hotel.



### Sessions and Events

The 25th Anniversary Conference of the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church has a large array of very interesting sessions and events which will contribute greatly to your overall conference experience.

Please note that this information is under development and is subject to change until September 1, 2013

#### Thursday, October 3, 2012

- The Verger Exhibit Hall
- Choral Evensong at St. George's Episcopal Church
- Vergers Dinner and 1989 Founders Event

#### Friday, October 4, 2012

- Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Keynote Address: John Campbell, Dean's Verger, Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln, England; Overseas Liaison Officer, Church of England Guild of Vergers

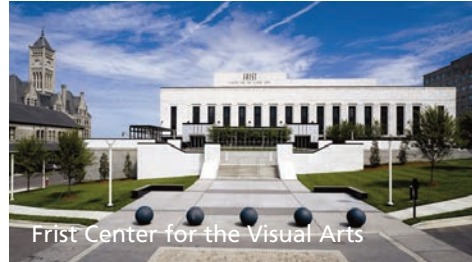
#### Session 1: Friday at 11:00 am

- Session 1, Option 1: Verger IOI - Exploring the Verger Ministry for the New Verger
- Session 1, Option 2: "The Dynamic Role of the Verger in the 21st Century"
- Session 1, Option 3: Historic Tour of the Christ Church Cathedral Nave
- Group Presentation: Historical Perspective on the Hymnal 1982

#### Session 2: Friday at 2:00 pm

- Session 2, Option 1: "Verger 307 - Advanced Discussion Topics for the more Experienced Verger"
- Session 2, Option 2: "The Customary for Tabernacles, Aumbries, Oils, and Sanctuary Lights"

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*Session 3: Friday at 3:30 pm*

- Session 3, Option 1: "Reaching out to the Nashville Community: What is Sacred Space and First Friday?"
- Session 3, Option 2: Seeing Homelessness Through Our Baptismal Covenant
- First Friday Liturgy
- Planned and Unplanned Downtown Nashville Dinners and Events

**Saturday, October 5, 2013**

- The Feast of St. Francis with Blessing of the Animals
- 25th Annual VGEC Business Meeting and election of the 4th VGEC President
- The President's Luncheon

*Saturday Afternoon Excursion Options 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm*

- Option 1: Historic Downtown Church Walking Tour
- Option 2: Ryman Auditorium Tour
- Option 3: The "NashTrash" Tour

- Option 4: The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
- Option 5: The Frist Center for the Visual Arts
- Saturday Evening 25th Anniversary Gala Event
- Vergers' Reception in the Lobby, Joe and Faye Wyatt Center for Education, Peabody Campus, Vanderbilt University
- 25th Anniversary Gala Reception and Banquet in the Rotunda, Joe and Faye Wyatt Center for Education

**Sunday, October 6, 2013**

- Sunday Forum: "What is a Virger?" with John Campbell
- Gather for Processional Line Up and Directions
- Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Official Conference Photo

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### Scholarships

The Guild will be providing scholarships to cover \$150 of the registration expense for up to 15 attendees to this year's conference. The Mark Emory Graham Scholarship Fund of the VGEC will make these grants. They are intended to develop the ministry of the verger and will be considered for junior vergers, new vergers or first time attendees with a financial need.

An online form can be downloaded at [www.vergers.org/conferencec/2013](http://www.vergers.org/conferencec/2013)

The scholarship committee will review the requests and make the awards as soon as possible.

The grant will cover 75% of the registration fee but not transportation to the Conference or lodging.

Please contact Margaret McLarty at [info@vergers.org](mailto:info@vergers.org) for additional information.

### Transportation, Maps and Directions

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