



VERGERS
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25
YEARS

A Course of Training for a Verger

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The Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church is pleased to offer the comprehensive training course, "A Course of Training for a Verger" as a self-guided curriculum for learning and developing the roles and responsibilities of the verger.

The Vergers Guild offers the Training Course to those who wish to broaden their understanding of the work and experienced vergers who may wish to take part in the fellowship that is often created out of taking the course. Any person can be a fully qualified verger without taking the course and the course does not replace your local tradition nor the learning experiences that can be had with mentors, clergy, and other vergers.

The course does give the participants the opportunity to develop the responsibilities of the individual and to maximize the verger's service to the parish.

The course is designed to supplement the learning and exploring of all aspects of the parish, from the church building and its history, the liturgies, the people and their history, operations, archives, pastoral care, and aspects of the history and development of the office and ministry of the verger, the vestments, and virges.

The course can take anywhere from nine to fifteen months to complete. The course moves at the participant's own pace and the work can be very fun and informative. It provides the opportunity to learn much about the parish and about the history and formal role of the verger. Over two hundred vergers from around the world have successfully taken this course. It truly can be a very rewarding process to undertake.

Each student who signs up for the course needs to first get the recommendation from their parish clergy, who will serve or appoint a course mentor during the course. The course requires that you work closely with your mentor as informal evaluations of your work are done jointly by you and your mentor.

THE COURSE INCLUDES:

- Course notebook and other necessary materials
- Processing of completed course work by the Training Registrar
- A "Certificate of Completion" suitable for framing with a wax seal of the VGEC
- The official "Fellow" Virge from the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church
- One Year Membership (new or extended) in the VGEC - a \$40 value

The deadline for submission of completed courses is the first day of July in order to receive your certificate and virge and to be recognized at the current year's annual conference in October.

If you have any questions please contact training@vergers.org or see vergers.org/training for more information.

Getting Started: How to Register for and Begin the Course

Registration is easy. Simply print and complete a course registration form located at vergers.org/training. You can pay for the course at the Vergers Guild Shop at vergers.org/shop or you can specify alternate payment terms on the registration form. The VGEC must have a printed and signed copy of the registration form and a letter of clergy recommendation before the course materials are shipped.

You can also select the course as part of your new membership registration in the VGEC at vergers.org/join.

Once your registration form and payment are received, you will be contacted by the VGEC Training Course Registrar training@vergers.org to begin the process.

We use email as the primary communication method for the course.

Course Pricing and Course Materials

The course price is \$215 per registrant which includes \$15 for shipping.

Group Discounts: For two or three students, the training course is discounted 15% per registrant and four or more registrants will receive a discount of 25%.

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