



Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church
October 23 to 26, 2008, Burlington Vermont
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul



Join your fellow vergers for the 2008 National Conference on October 23-26 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington, Vermont, and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church. We will be



overlooking Burlington Harbor and Lake Champlain. Workshops will include a presentation on the unique architecture of the "new" cathedral; consecrated in 1973 to replace "old" St. Paul's which was destroyed in a disastrous fire. We'll tour Rock Point, the center of diocesan activities, and have lunch in the Bishop's House. We'll visit the paddlewheel steamer *Ticonderoga* and the Shelburne Museum.



Burlington, located on the west coast of New England, is Vermont's largest city, with 40,000 year-round residents. The University of Vermont and four area colleges swell that population to over 60,000. Our city is listed as one of America's most desirable places to live and to visit, and one of the most beautiful, with Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains of New York to the west and Vermont's Green Mountains to the east. The airport is just 10 minutes from downtown. The Arts & Entertainment Network names Burlington #1 on its list of "Top Ten Cities That Have It All"! Spend your free time seeing the Fleming Museum, Magic Hat Brewery, Burlington Boardwalk along Lake Champlain; all available by local buses. By car see the Essex Craft and Fine Arts 28th Annual Expo. Travel to Ben and Jerry's or Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Vermont Teddy Bear Factory or Dakin Farms for Cheese or Maple Syrup. Plan to extend your visit with a tour of Vermont, with a day in Montreal (passport required), with a trip through the White Mountains of New Hampshire on your way to or from the conference.



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We will read Evening Prayer at Trinity church, Shelburne, originally the chapel of the Webb and Vanderbilt families. Spend your free afternoon on



lively Church Street seeing restaurants, shops or sights. The Evening Banquet will be a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen II

Agenda

Thursday, October 23 (at the Cathedral)

- 3:00- 5:30 Registration
- 6:00 pm Evening Prayer in the manner of Taizé
- 7:00 pm Welcome buffet hosted by the Cathedral vergers

Friday, October 24

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer Cathedral
- 9:00 – 11:00 Workshops Cathedral
- 11:30 am – 1:15 pm Lunch, tours
- Bishop’s House Rock Point
- until 5:00 pm Tour Shelburne Museum
- 5:45 pm Evensong Trinity Church, Shelburne
- Evening Free on the town!

Saturday, October 25

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer Cathedral
- 9:00 – 11:00 Business meeting Cathedral
- Afternoon Free to enjoy Vermont!
- 5:30 pm Dinner cruise Spirit of Ethan Allen II

Sunday, October 26

- 10:15 am Conference photo Cathedral
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist Cathedral

Hotel – across the street from the Cathedral

Courtyard by Marriott Burlington Harbor

25 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401
 Please make your own reservations under the room block “**Vergers’ Guild Conference**”.

Price of \$150 plus tax is guaranteed until 9/23/08. Parking \$5.50/day.

802-864-4700 (hotel direct) or
Marriott nationwide reservations at 888-236-2427.

Flights

Burlington International Airport (BTV) is 10 minutes away from the conference hotel. Taxis are available to hotel.

Alternative arrival points include Montreal (2 hours north of Burlington) and Manchester, NH (2 hours east).

Conference Pre-Registration (Individual/family, not church)

Registration: \$ 225 per person

Early-bird special of \$200 on registrations postmarked prior to 9/23/08

Name (Verger) _____ Phone _____

Name (Verger) _____ Email _____

Non-verger Guest(s) _____

Address _____ Cell _____

Church _____ Position _____

_____ I/We plan to bring/rent a car. _____ I/We request vegetarian meals.

We will be hiring buses to transport our group during the day on Friday, Oct. 24. Please let us know if you have any special needs regarding accessibility. _____

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Mail to:

Verger's Guild Conference
c/o St. Paul's Cathedral
2 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Questions: Please contact
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802-238-6020

Check enclosed, made payable to: Cathedral Church of St. Paul in the amount of \$ _____

-----please cut and mail above form with check -----

What you want (and need) to know!

October weather: Average temp. High 55 Low 35 Average rainfall 3"

Attire/footwear: The "New England way" is to dress in layers. This means a warm jacket over lighter layers that you can remove as you warm up. Those of you with thin blood from the warmer climes may want to bring gloves!

We will tour the Bishop Booth Conference Center and Bishop's house, as well as have an afternoon at the Shelburne Museum, so please bring walking shoes.

Our Saturday evening event will be a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain. The ship hosts everything from casual parties to elegant weddings, and we suggest dressing somewhere between "nice" and semi-formal". Otherwise, the conference is meant to be casual.

Vestments: The group photo will take place at 10:30 am (before we process in the 11:15 am service) in the Rose Garden on the west side of the Cathedral. Bring your vestments, but please leave the bonnets and verges at home.

Friday morning Workshops

#1: Tom Cullins, senior architect with Truex, Cullins & Partners and designer of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, will discuss the concept and design of this unique building which replaced "old" St. Paul's after a disastrous fire in February 1971.

#2 and #3 concurrent

Judith McManis of Laudata Calligraphy and Liturgical Art has created liturgical art for over 35 years. She will discuss the connection between visual art, scripture, and liturgy as shown in many of her designs for St. Paul's Cathedral, other churches and individuals.

John Rouleau is headmaster and enthusiastic and engaging ambassador for the Diocese of Vermont's Rock Point School. Rock Point School is a coed boarding high school on 150 acres on the shores of Lake Champlain. Students are self-aware young people who have found themselves off-track and are ready to make positive changes. Hearing John, one understands how RPS students graduate to the real world as responsible, self-confident persons who aim to make a difference in their world.

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The Ministry of Verger

Whether you are an active Verger or just interested in learning more, please join us for this exciting event. Vergers are laypersons who serve the church through a ministry of service centered around the liturgies. Their efforts, specific to each parish and under the direction of the rector, typically include coordination of lay readers, altar guild and acolytes. Other duties might include the care of vestments and Eucharistic vessels, scheduling training events and giving church tours. The verger, the protector of the procession, provides the clergy logistical support in order that worship can occur more smoothly. Our motto "Service in Worship and Worship through Service" manifests itself today in a ministry of welcome. For more information please visit our website www.vergers.org.