



# Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church

Service through Worship, Worship through Service

January, 2010



## FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

A New Year is upon us with many opportunities for fellowship, worship and learning more about what we do.

We had a good 2009. Our yearly training meeting at Austin's St. John's in April was quite good with Paul Brinsden showing his exemplary program in Kingwood.

We took our September meeting to the far northwest reaches of our Diocese, meeting in Waco at St. Paul's. St. Paul's Rector, Chuck Treadwell, gave us helpful reminders on being a servant in what we do.

Eight of our members attended the National Annual meeting held in October in San Diego, California. We were about 10% of the total attending which made for good fellowship. More about this years meeting in Washington, D.C. below.

Our November meeting was in Tomball, Good Shepherd, with Bishop High leading us in worship and thinking about our status in the Diocese. We were all edified greatly by the Eucharistic worship in which the Bishop High led. His care for our Verger program much in evidence.

That was 2009

## TRAINING MEETING — April 24, 2010

The last Saturday of April, the 24<sup>th</sup>, is the day of our annual training meeting, held this year at Emmanuel in Houston. Our immediately past Training officer & Verger Emeritus, Ron Robertson, will join us to offer a perspective on what Vergers should be and what they should do. With over two decades of training over 200 Vergers, he should know.

## ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS — June 25, 2010

According to the By-Laws of our Chapter, elections are held in the spring of each year. Beginning with the last election, offices for election are staggered to allow a continuity in the leadership of our Chapter.

Positions up for election for June, 2010 through June, 2012 include Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. A call for nominations will take place in early May.

Our first activity in 2010 will be to grab our checkbooks and send in our \$20. dues. Treasurer, Vyonne Carter-Johnson has provided an excellent Membership Renewal form. The form is the second attachment to this e-mail

Several Officers and members will be in charge of our booth at the Diocesan Council meeting, February 12 and 13 in Killeen. If you are a delegate come say hello

Theme for the year:

**RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS/ DEMYSTIFY WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A VERGER**

1. Make sure all small churches have at least one Verger Help larger Churches train more Vergers.

This sums up my report. Read below for details of our schedule, January through June.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Evans, President

More information about the training seminar will be available soon. Please save the date on your calendar and plan on inviting others who are interested in our ministry.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is located in west Houston. More information about Emmanuel can be found on their website at: <http://www.emmanuel-houston.org/>

## VERGER WEB SITES

Our two Verger WEB sites have been updated and renewed. The guilds site is very colorful and has all the information you need for the year.

[www.vergers.org](http://www.vergers.org) – National Guild

[www.texasvergers.org](http://www.texasvergers.org) – Walter Mace Memorial Chapter

## Upcoming National VGEC Conferences

Mark your calendars and plan to attend :

The 2010 National VEGC Conference— October 7 thru 10 at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the 31st Annual National Acolyte Festival on Saturday, October 10, 2010. Information on this conference will be available in a few months on the National VEGC website [www.vergers.org](http://www.vergers.org).

### Conference Hotel

Embassy Suites Washington D.C. - at the Chevy Chase Pavilion  
4300 Military Road NW, Washington, District of Columbia, United States 20015  
(202) 362-9300  
Fax: (202) 686-3405

And in 2013, the 25th Anniversary of the National VGEC, the conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

### Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$20.00. Please make your checks payable to:  
Walter Mace Memorial Chapter VGEC and send to:

Vyonne Carter-Johnson,  
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Membership Committee — Walter Mace Chapter — VGEC,  
4040 West Bellfort St., Houston, TX 77025

You do not have to pay dues to be an affiliate member of our Chapter, however you must pay dues to vote in elections or serve as an officer of the Chapter. Dues assist the Chapter with several expenses, such as the booth fee at Diocesan Council, and handouts and speakers fees for our seminars and meetings, as well as postage for the newsletter.

### Newsletter

The Chapter newsletter is posted on our website at [www.texasvergers.org](http://www.texasvergers.org) and e-mailed to all members who have given us their e-mail. If you want a copy mailed to you, please contact our Communications Officer, Tim Wade at [twade@gmail.com](mailto:twade@gmail.com) or by phone 832-651-6308. Please provide your name and complete address.

### Contact Information

We are constantly trying to keep your contact information up to date so that we are able to keep you informed of all activities within our Chapter. Please notify the Communications Officer, Bid Drake at [bdrake2939@consolidated.net](mailto:bdrake2939@consolidated.net), whenever there is a change in your address, phone number or e-mail.

Thanks!

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