



# The Vergers Voice

*The news blog of the Vergers Guild*

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## The VGEC Experience - Live Into It!



Members of the VGEC board and committees pull varying experience sets together - now we need you!

By Ken Holloway, VGEC News Manager

We, the VGEC, are 1,668 life stories of experience more varied than we can imagine. All of us have long and strong experience sets outside of our verger persona. It's a good bet that some of you may have two or three journeyman or master craftsman or certified professional experience histories. I'm betting that our collective VGEC "Real Life" experience and skill sets are amazing. The VGEC runs on experience and volunteers.

We have a young music educator in Oregon, who is extremely computer-literate as our social media manager. We have entrepreneurs who are our organizers and communicators. I'm an engineer who writes for us. How about a Houston dentist who is our editor and web page administrator? A nuclear consultant from Pennsylvania runs the Guild Shop. Some of our, current and retired, salaried vergers teach for us. We have a tenured higher education professional who is one of our planners and visionaries. Another from Oklahoma maintains our technology infrastructure and our servers. One of our senior financial advisers from Mississippi negotiates and executes contracts on our behalf. A retired international business consultant (and retired professional verger) in Texas is our treasurer. Some of our overseas members in England and Italy inject a keen portion of historical perspective to our programs and communication efforts.

It would be truly fantastic if our board members knew who to ask among our membership for advice or action in almost any category of issue that our organization might face. And wouldn't it be heartening to be able to trust not only the answer or advice, but also that the task or project or guidance would be completed professionally? I mean, we are all vergers - we take care of what needs to be done.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a special email inviting you to specify your experience and skills by clicking on a link in the message. Indicating one or more categories of experience that you have in your personal toolbox will illustrate how you might help the VGEC. There will also be

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an opportunity to add a qualification not already on the list (by completing the "other" entry box). You also will be able to indicate your participation level of effort by checking "Call Me" or "Contact me for advice" or "I want to help in any way I can."

This functionality in the membership system is still under construction by our technology volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact [skills@vergers.org](mailto:skills@vergers.org).

The VGEC has issues, many of which can be addressed by someone or a committee of experienced and interested members. We'd like to depend on the wisdom and cunning you may harbor and haven't had the opportunity to share with all of us. We could multiply our service to church and community by utilizing more of us in operating the guild on all levels.

Be sure to act when you receive your email to update your experience inventory in the [Membership Management System](#). Let's discover our organizational powers together!

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Abstract: The VGEC's most valuable resource is YOU. Your experience can be directly applied to any number of projects, studies, tasks and roles for the good of the guild as a whole. Let's all get behind our first-ever effort to find out the width and depth of our collective experience resources. To hitchhike on a famous phrase, "Think not what your guild can do for you. Think what you can do for your guild."

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