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I am delighted and honored to be a candidate for the Board of the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church! My first area of interest would be assisting with the Training Course, each version of which has been an improvement on the last. I will also enjoy assisting with planning for the Annual Conferences. I look forward to them each year - St. Louis is my sixth! A highlight of this past summer was helping staff the Vergers Guild exhibit at the General Convention in Salt Lake City. Those of us who worked it learned a great deal more about each other and met some very interesting and influential people over the week.

I grew up in Northern Indiana, and have been an Episcopalian all my life. I have been a proud resident of Lexington, Kentucky, for 30 years, working the last 20 as an independent Long Term Care Insurance broker. My husband, Jim (who is also a Cathedral verger) and I have been members of Christ Church Cathedral since our marriage in 1986. We have one son, Daniel, who is an architect in Lexington.

It seems as if I have been involved with most of the possible volunteer activities at Christ Church Cathedral over the years: Vestry member, Altar Guild member and Director, Pastoral Care Team member, Prayer Shawl knitter, ECW Treasurer for six years, Flower Guild member, Eucharistic Minister, and Verger. I will graduate from EfM (Education for Ministry) next May, and I am looking forward to my fourth-year studies.

I became a Fellow of the Guild in 2011, and shortly thereafter was asked to be Head Verger of the Cathedral. An immediate priority was identifying and training new vergers, bringing our current corps to nine vergers strong. Writing checklists and customaries for all services was my next priority, to assure that anyone who comes after me will know exactly how we have proceeded on every type of service. Succession should be seamless!

If elected, I hope to use my excellent organizational skills and my ability to work as part of a team to help the Vergers Guild grow to the next level. I think our new frontier might be to work to make some of our materials and website attractive and useful to our brothers and sisters in Spanish-speaking areas of the United States and Central American countries - an area where the Guild could really make a difference for the churches there.