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Statement of Interest:

I was honored to be asked to serve on the VGEC board of directors. As in many of my ministries, this seems to be another in a long line instances when I am faced with questioning how can I use all my past knowledge and experiences to help build a strong future for others. I have served as treasurer for the Diocese of Texas Vergers Guild for the past 4 years. This is my fifth VEGC Conference. As an experienced Verger, I hope to use my experiences to become a mentor for new vergers in small churches; especially when they are the first verger in their church. The VEGC has been a great support to me and to my church. I want to use my faith in the Verger ministry as a light for others. Edith Wharton said, *"There are two ways of spreading light - to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."* I want to be the mirror and help others with their ministry.

Bio:

I was born December 26 in New Orleans, LA. I was educated at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (formerly the University of Southwestern Louisiana) and the University of Houston, downtown. I have worked for a major oil company for 39 years as a Human Resources professional. My most recent assignment is in the Corporate Learning Organization (training).

I am the product of the prayers and faith of a Christian family. I try to outwardly exhibit the way I feel about having Christ in my life. I love, I pray, I worship, I give offerings, I try to serve others.

I pray daily giving thanks for two people and two events that turned my life around and tested my faith. The people are my husband, CL and my mother, Celina and the events are the death of my father and cancer. I realize now that during these trials my mother, my husband, and God were what sustained me.

The experiences of my past, the study and discipline to forming a spiritual walk with my Lord, and the people who interact in my daily Christian life have all worked together to make me a better Christian spouse, mother, friend, spokesperson, and church server. In the past few years, I have watched, as my walk is moving outward from my own intimate life into a deeper awareness and call to a broader ministry through my Rainbow (a Christian choral group), serving on Cursillo teams and through other diocesan committees. Rainbow afforded me the occasion to worship joyfully with Christians outside my daily community while allowing me the opportunity to be a part of an outreach program to share God's love and grace. Serving on Cursillo teams helped me grow in many ways, both personally and spiritually. Working in concert with others, on a team, has given me time for personal reflection on the direction I want my walk with Christ to take, and in many instances, the motivation needed.

During the last 32 years, I have gained enough knowledge about the liturgy and workings of the church to have obtained every layperson's license the Diocese of Texas issued, except Evangelist. It was with the realization that I had all this experience and knowledge, I was able to convince a priest that she needed a Verger and began The Diocese of Texas Verger training and was installed on October 4, 2009. I completed the VGEC training in April 2013. The Verger ministry affords me the opportunity to serve in my church (Grace) and the greater Episcopal community.

I have been a speaker for the American Breast Cancer Society of Houston. I have published one of my stories in a book entitled — *"Yes Jesus Loves Me — 31 Love Stories."* I have served on the Vestry -- been Senior Warden & Secretary of the Vestry, served on several Diocesan Committees and on a committee of the VGEC, Chapter Membership.

With God, I even found joy and peace on the radiation table. One might wonder how you could have joy when encountering conflict. I have become a more settled, peaceful Christian; and, I truly believe all things are possible with God. I find joy in most things. Living and giving to others gives me peace, joy, and contentment. I have learned that with the love of my friends, my family, my husband, and God, I will always be able to find peace, love and joy. *“Seek the face of God in everything, everyone, everywhere, all the time, and see His hand in every happening.”* – Mother Teresa.