

Memorandum of Understanding

Subject: Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church (VGEC) and the Church of England Guild of Vergers (CEGV) association.

There has been a long-standing consensus of a common unity of purpose within the VGEC and CEGV to uphold the office and ministry of the vergers in the Anglican Communion, by service, prayer, and fellowship. There has also been misunderstanding and confusion of what the associate membership status means within each guild.

John Kirby-Shearer, CEGV National Chairman, Stephen Stokes, CEGV General Secretary, Duke DuTeil, VGEC President, Diane Carlisle, VGEC Vice President, and Scott Smith, VGEC Past President, met during the 2022 VGEC Annual Conference to discuss this association. It was agreed that the two guilds desire to remain in association, but that the association needed clarification.

CEGV:

Members of the CEGV have the availability to become associate members of the VGEC. This associate membership will have voice but no vote in VGEC matters. This associate membership will have no dues associated with it. The process to become an associate member is:

1. Join the VGEC using the 6-month free trial membership at either try.vergers.org.
2. Once joining, the associate member will receive an email to set up their username and password in the VGEC membership database. Also in the email will be a link to a questionnaire which the CEGV member will be required to complete. This questionnaire will require the member to indicate their CEGV membership number.
3. Upon completion of the questionnaire, the VGEC will convert their trial membership to a CEGV Associate Member membership with no dues.

VGEC:

Members of the VGEC have the availability to become associate members of the CEGV. This associate membership will have voice but no vote in CEGV matters. This associate membership shall have no dues associated with it. The process to become an associate member is:

1. The VGEC member who wishes to become an associate member of the CEGV should contact the Overseas Membership Officer of the CEGV at: CEGVOverseas@gmail.com

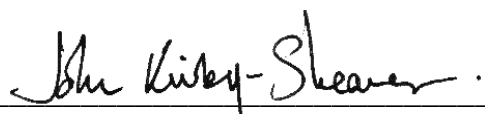
Associate members of each guild will receive electronic correspondence and newsletters at no cost.

Active members of each respective guild are also welcome to become dues paying members of their sister guild. Members who have previously been dues paying members of the sister guild can opt to become non dues paying associate members by contacting the sister guild.

VGEC contact: support@vergers.org

CEGV contact: CEGVOverseas@gmail.com

This memorandum goes into effect upon ratification by each guild's governing body.



John Kirby-Shearer, CEGV National Chairman
7 November 2022



Claude "Duke" DuTeil, VGEC President
25 October 2022