

You have been selected to be nominated to serve a three-year term on the Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. Listed below are the qualifications and expectations for this servant ministry. Service on the Vestry is not for everyone. Please read them carefully. If God has called you to this ministry and by prayerful discernment you wish to stand for election, please complete the form and return it the Rector or Senior Warden.

VESTRY NOMINATION FORM

First Name	Last Name	Email
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone Number	Birthdate	
Baptism date if known	Confirmation Date, if known	Are you a contributor of record to the Parish?

Do you believe that you are called by God to serve in this ministry? _____

Do you ascribe to the Vestry Covenant? _____

Using either the back of this form or another sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. *Briefly describe your spiritual discipline and life.*
2. *Briefly articulate your vision of how Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church can be more faithful to God's calling.*
3. *Please describe the gifts and graces you believe you can bring to the Vestry.*

VESTRY COVENANT

Recognizing that Holy Scripture will be our authority governing our behavior and relationships with one another and with the congregation, and acknowledging Saint Paul's directive to Timothy (1 Timothy 4: 12) concerning his role as church leader to be "an example to the believers in speech, life, love, faith, and purity," we therefore agree to the following covenant.

To love one another by:

- Creating and nurturing within the vestry a safe and trusting atmosphere in which all members can feel comfortable and confident in expressing their thoughts and opinions
- Being sensitive to the different styles and personalities of individual vestry members
- Seeking to validate, appreciate, acknowledge, and understand the unique and special gifts of each vestry member

Treating each vestry member with respect by:

- Speaking and acting in such a way as to build up and support one another
- Confronting issues without demeaning anyone
- Refusing to listen to backbiting or gossip, especially about or from our church leaders
- Insisting that people who have accusations to make against another church leader do so in the presence of that individual
- Recognizing that certain discussions are of a confidential nature, thus maintaining good and wise judgment in respecting confidentiality
- Confronting with love those individuals who have hurt me in any way
- Following Saint Matthew's principle (Matthew 18: 15-17) for conflict resolution between individuals: speaking first to the individual alone; if to no avail, bringing another (vestry member) into the conversation; and then, if necessary, finally referring the matter to the larger church (entire vestry)
- Practicing forgiveness for those I feel have wronged me
- Seeking to encourage those vestry members who may be suffering through trials of one kind or another
- Nurturing a servant attitude of serving both God and God's church

To seek God's will by striving for unity in all matters through:

- Joining the entire vestry in submitting significant matters to prayer, especially prior to voting or decision-making
- Upholding the final decision of the vestry even when I may disagree
- Always seeking to better understand others
- Submitting to one another in love
- Refraining from all discussions and conversations that are unwholesome and from a divisive course
- Consciously seeking to abandon personal agendas and self-serving attitudes

To be an example to the congregation by striving to:

- Faithfully attend Sabbath worship
- Consistently engage in the study of Holy Scripture
- Live out the Christian life through regular, sacrificial giving, and making an annual pledge to support the ministry and mission of the church
- Support the church through active attendance and participation
- Be faithful to Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church's mission and vision statement of **Learning to Trust God and Serve as we grow to full maturity in Christ.**