

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Definition of Electors at the Annual Meeting and
Communicant in Good Standing

Electors at the Parish Meeting

Electors are all communicants in good standing at least 16 years of age who are registered members of the Parish for not less than six months prior to the time of election. The Rector of the Parish shall be the initial judge of the standing of Parish members.

[Note that in the absence of a Rector or Interim Rector the Senior Warden is vested with the ecclesiastical authority for parish affairs.]

Communicants in Good Standing

Communicant in Good Standing: A Communicant who regularly attends corporate worship unless for good cause he or she is prevented from doing so and who faithfully works, prays and gives toward the Church's own work is a Communicant in Good Standing. Regularity at attendance is defined as readily recognized by many within the congregation as more present at worship than absent. The Rector shall determine who is a communicant in good standing in a manner consistent with national and Diocesan Canons subject to appeal to the Bishop. A Communicant in Good Standing is the condition for election to vestry, appointment as Treasurer, election to diocesan convention, selection as a committee chair, election and serving on boards of trustees of funds associated with the local church.

[Note. In light of Covid-19 restrictions it is not the intention of the Senior Warden to expect anyone to have been personally present at in-person worship services after March 8, 2020. Any person who had been faithful in attending public worship to that point in the recent past will be presumed to have intended to remain faithful in attendance. All financial support, whatever the amount (provided not zero for the preceding year) is considered to be "giving toward the Church's own work.]