



2019 Annual Parish Meeting – FAQs

As a follow-up to the formal notice of St. Christopher's Annual Meeting, here are some frequently-asked questions (FAQs) and answers:

When is the Annual Meeting of the parish?

Sunday, February 3, following the 10:00 am service.

Where will the meeting be held?

In the Parish (or Fellowship) Hall

What is the purpose of the meeting?

Episcopal parishes are democracies. The purpose of the meeting is to elect four (4) persons to the Vestry for three-year terms, receive reports of the Wardens, Treasurer, Search Committee, and Interim Rector, and conduct such other business as is appropriate to the congregation.

Who are the Vestry nominees?

The Nomination Committee is prepared to present a slate of four persons at the Annual Meeting to be elected for three-year terms. Information about the nominees was published in the January 23 edition of the Weekly News. The By-Laws allow additional nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting provided that consent of the person or persons being nominated has been received.

Can I vote by absentee ballot? And, if so, how do I obtain an absentee ballot?

Yes. Voting by absentee ballot is permitted. Absentee ballots are available by contacting Anita Walker, Parish Administrator – (317) 846-8716 or awalker@stchriscarmel.org – or on Sundays in the narthex. Signed absentee ballots must be received before the start of the Annual Meeting in order to be counted. Voting by proxy (allowing someone to vote on your behalf at the meeting) is NOT permitted.

Who should attend?

All members of the parish, or guests who are interested in knowing more about the life and ministry of St. Christopher's.

Who is eligible to vote?

The By-Laws state that the "Electors of the Parish shall be adult communicants in good standing and shall have contributed to the support of the Parish . . ." Adult communicants who have been members for at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting are eligible. An "Adult Communicant" is a person 16 years or older who has received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year.

How long will the meeting last?

It's hard to predict, but not longer than an hour and a half.

Will a light luncheon or other food be served?

Lunch will NOT be served at the Annual Meeting. However, members of the Vestry will be providing food for a more "substantial" coffee hour than usual.

Will childcare be available? Who will be providing it?

Trained childcare providers from College Sitters and Nannies (who regularly staff St. Christopher's Nursery) will provide care for children up to age 3 in the Nursery.

Who will entertain those not in the nursery? Where?

Additional trained childcare providers from College Sitters will provide supervision for children older than 3 in the Youth Lounge where appropriate movies will be shown.