



ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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Dear fellow St. Philippians,

This year, the Nominating Committee for Vestry elections at the annual meeting on March 3rd was expanded to include retiring as well as current Vestry members. The purpose of expanding the committee was to try to improve the process by seeking greater discernment of the future needs of St. Philip's and to create institutional memory on the committee for the years ahead. All four retiring members of the Vestry served on the committee, offering their knowledge of what has been required of the Vestry over the past three years. Additionally, two members of the second year class joined and one member of the freshman class. The blossoming of insights and spiritual gifts within the committee greatly benefitted the discernment process.

This year, incredibly, more than two dozen names were submitted to the committee for consideration. What a great blessing it is to realize the depth of spiritual leadership within our congregation, especially during this challenging time in the life of our Church. Through prayer and days of discernment, the committee was challenged to determine who among these servant leaders were the parishioners that the Holy Spirit was highlighting at this time. Unanimously, the committee came together around four names and recommended them to the Vestry. The Vestry, as representatives of the congregation, also voted unanimously to put forward these four nominees. Each of these nominees has prayerfully considered this role and agreed to serve faithfully if elected.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
Todd Brown	Jim Stelling, Penn Hagood
Elizabeth Hagood	Harry Gregorie
Connie Rink	Martha Freshley
Bill Warlick	Susan Keller, Guv Gottshalk

As is traditionally done, there will be an opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor during the annual meeting. In order to be consistent with this process, any floor nominees will be required to respond to the same ministry discernment questions already answered by the other candidates. A copy of this questionnaire, along with the answers given by these four nominees, is provided here for your reference. Members of St. Philip's must be present at the annual meeting in order to cast their vote in person. No proxy votes will be accepted.

God has been deeply gracious and merciful to us in uncertain times. We are blessed with extraordinary spiritual leadership in all aspects of St. Philip's these days, and we trust in God to guide us in choosing those who will be our congregational leaders going forward.

Faithfully,

Penn Hagood Harry Gregorie Dorothy Lancaster Joanna Macmurphy Lon Burris Cary Chastain Martha Freshley
The Vestry Nominating Committee Members