

## Junior Warden - Ministry Description

The junior warden is a member of the vestry who is elected by the vestry to serve for at least one year. “The primary role of the [junior] warden is to serve as the lay partner of the rector in articulating the mission and vision of the parish, managing its day-to-day operations, identifying and nurturing leaders, and empowering members of the congregation to live out the Gospel in their daily lives”

([ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/68/youre-a-new-warden-now-what](http://ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/68/youre-a-new-warden-now-what)).

Wardens have a special and public ministry, and must lead by example as faithful churchgoers and visible donors of time, talent and treasure. They must be willing to listen, able to delegate, and, above all, able to engender trust in relationships with the rector and the congregation

([ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/71/wardens-chief-stewards-and-servants](http://ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/71/wardens-chief-stewards-and-servants)).

### Qualifications:

- Elected member of the vestry
- Member of the parish for at least two years
- Pledging member of the parish

### Length of commitment:

- One year

### Elected:

- By the vestry
- At the first meeting of the newly formed vestry (January or February)

### Time commitment:

- Weekly or bi-weekly meeting with the rector
- Monthly meeting with rector, treasurer, and junior warden
- Monthly vestry meetings (2 hours/month - third Sundays)

### Responsibilities:

- A commitment to prayer and spiritual growth
- Willing to create a rule of life with rector and senior warden
- Plan and lead vestry meetings with rector
- A welcoming presence, focused on pastoral needs of the church
- Brainstorm with the rector
- Meet regularly for prayer and reflection

- Reflect: where is God moving at St. Andrew's? Where is God moving in PB? Where is God moving in my own life?
- Assist the rector with pastoral care (ex: check in with parishioners who are dealing with illness or grief, reaching out to newcomers).