

## **By-Laws - Proposed Change to Vestry Term**

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Notwithstanding the above, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden and seven (7) vestry members in place at the end of the year 2020 will serve an additional one (1) year term, said one (1) year term to be added to their regular three (3) year term of service.

### **Reason for the change:**

Due to the pandemic, there is a very limited number of active members currently with the ability to serve. Also, extending the term of the current vestry members by one year will eliminate the need to elect three new members at the annual meeting, thereby simplifying the annual meeting, which will be totally virtual in January of 2021.