

Expectations of a Vestry Member Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

1. Preparation for and attendance at all Vestry Meetings is a priority.
2. Regular attendance at worship services.
3. Regular attendance and participation in the activities and life of Resurrection Parish.
4. Vestry members exercise leadership by example and participation both in the temporal affairs (business life) and the spiritual life of the parish.
5. Vestry members are expected to serve as an Officer of the Vestry, or as the Chair of or as Liaison to one of the Vestry/Parish Committees.
6. Vestry members are asked to be leaders in exercising faithful stewardship of time and money. Stewardship of time is addressed in the above five expectations. Specifically faithful stewardship of money includes (1) making and paying a responsible annual pledge, (2) supporting the stewardship education ministries of Resurrection and (3) working in some way in the annual year-round giving campaign of our broad stewardship ministries.
7. Listening to and dealing with the views of parishioners, especially their questions, suggestions, complaints, and compliments. Where appropriate, sharing these views with the Rector, Sr. Warden and Vestry.
8. Pray for the clergy, leaders, and congregation of the parish.
9. Speak the truth in love for the up-building of the body of Christ in the church.
10. Consciously consider and review all deliberations and actions of the Vestry in the light of Resurrection Mission Statement.

Our Mission:

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection is a Christian community cultivating a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, each other, and our neighbors by *promoting justice, peace and love through worship, ministry and outreach.*

Our Vision Statement:

- The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection exists to spread God's love into the world. We envision a world in which baptismal vows are made real by the expression of these core values:
 - We welcome all to join us in worship and ministry
 - We respect the dignity and unique gifts of every human being
 - We seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves
 - We desire to grow as a community of God's people by reaching out to others
 - We strive for justice and peace among all people
 - We desire to be active in the world as witnesses of God's love
 - We pledge ourselves to compassion and service, supporting one another

Remember, while it is an honor to be elected a member of the Vestry, membership on the Vestry is not an honorary position.

Those standing for election to Vestry should also be committed to:

1. Attending monthly vestry meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month
2. Attend the Annual Parish Meeting held annually in January.
3. Attend and participate in Vestry Retreats as scheduled once or twice per year.
4. Represent the parish as a delegate to annual periodic Deanery meetings from March through October and Diocesan Convention held in late October or early November.
5. Complete the Safeguarding God's Church program through the office of the diocese.

A CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY MUST:

- Be an adult, confirmed communicant in good standing.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Be faithful in weekly worship (three communions, unless for good cause prevented).
- Be faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.
- Be known to the treasurer (contributing financially each year).
- Been confirmed by the Bishop or received into the church after having been confirmed in another denomination.
- Persons from the same immediate family, defined as spouses, parents, children and siblings, shall not serve together on the Vestry. Spouses of St. Paul's clergy and staff are not eligible to serve on the Vestry.

For more information, please contact a Vestry member or the Rector.