

## St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church

*"Our Mission: To Love, Praise, Welcome and Serve"*

**Continuing Resolution: [# Adopted by the Vestry (Date)]**

**Ministry Description of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry**

**The mission of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry is to further the mission of St. Brendan's by:**

- Providing leadership in achieving Goal(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ of the Parish Renewal Plan through September, 2018.

**I. Responsibilities of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry include:**

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**II. In carrying out the \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry of the congregation in partnership with the Priest in Charge and the Vestry, ministry members and the Chair (or Co-Chairs) will:**

- Seek consensus, work collaboratively and communicate effectively in carrying out the Ministry;
- Set priorities for the Ministry and review performance on past priorities annually;
- Make program and policy recommendations concerning this Ministry to the Vestry;
- Conduct the Ministry in a manner consistent with Episcopal Church Canons and the Mission and Values of St. Brendan's.

## Ministry Members and Chair Responsibilities

### **Ministry members will:**

- Be welcomed to serve in the Ministry by the Chair (or Co-Chairs); the Ministry membership will include, in addition to the Chair, (or Co-Chairs) at least two additional members, the Vestry Advocate for the Ministry and the Priest in Charge, *ex officio*;
- Serve a one-year term that may be renewed;
- Assist the Chair (or Co-Chair) in encouraging others to participate in the Ministry;
- Pray regularly for the work as they carry out the \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry.

### **The Ministry Chair (or Co-Chairs) will:**

- Be appointed, by the Vestry in partnership with the Priest in Charge in consultation with the members of the Ministry;
- Serve for a term of two years, renewable once for a maximum of four consecutive years;
- When Co-Chairs are serving, they will determine how their responsibilities will be divided and carried out;
- Preside at Ministry meetings;

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- Support the members in establishing and evaluating priorities as they carry out the Ministry;
  - Assign members, as needed, to serve as heads of particular areas of the Ministry;
  - With the members, review, and, as necessary, revise the Ministry Description annually;
  - Report frequently to the Vestry and the Congregation on the work of the Ministry;

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- In consultation with Ministry members, expend funds for the work of this Ministry within the limits of the approved annual budget;
  - In consultation with Ministry members and the Finance and Stewardship Ministry, recommend Ministry-related expenditures for the annual operating budget.

## **APPENDIX**

### **Guiding documents for the Ministry:**

**Canon 3.1.1:** “. . . all baptized persons are called to minister in Christ’s name, to identify their gifts with the help of the Church and to serve Christ’s mission at all times and in all places.” (From the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church: Title III Ministry, Canon 1: Of the Ministry of all Baptized Persons Sec. 1)

*[Other Canons]*

The **Mission** of St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church is to **love, praise, welcome,** and **serve:**

- to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
- to **praise** God in all things,
- to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
- to **serve** the needs of one another and of those on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

These are our **values** at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church. We will:

- **Welcome** others with **respect** and **compassion**;
- **Listen** to others with **trust** and **appreciation**;
- **Seek God's goodness** in each person;
- Strive for **consensus** and **work collaboratively**;
- Join in acts of **loving kindness**;
- **Share our faith** joyfully across the generations;
- **Engage** as many of our **parishioners** as possible, **year-round**, in our common life and ministries;
- **Learn from our past** and look to the future with **hope**.

(Mission and Values Statements adopted unanimously by the congregation on September 10, 2017)