

Ascension Vestry 2020 Leadership Needs, Opportunities and Questions

Buildings & Grounds I: B&G Chair. Coordinate projects, serve as liaison to the Vestry, provide appropriate communications.	Hospitality I – Weekly Sunday coffee hours following 11am mass. Leadership could involve: - serving as overall coordinator. - signing up for coffee hour service. - help ID needs/resources/solutions.	Mission/Diocese/Deanery/Outreach I Form and lead or take part in a task force to evaluate and explore outreach mission in the context of needs, interests and resources.	Other areas of parish ministry, not always but sometimes involving or requiring Vestry leadership, decisions, funding questions, etc. ...
Buildings & Grounds II: Project Coordinator, Columbarium Redevelopment.	Hospitality II - Feast Days Coordinate or take part in one or more feast day receptions.	Mission/Diocese/Deanery/Outreach II Liaison to Bishop Election. Inform congregation of developments, organize a parishioner town hall prior to election (and after?)	Family Ministries: families, nursery, children, youth, family life. Presently we need a nursery advocate and coordinator.
Buildings & Grounds III: Project Coordinator for Building Safety and Security. Security cameras project; front door locks project; develop emergency response plan(s).	Finance Committee – Vestry representation for budget development, financial planning and priorities, stewardship.	Mission/Diocese/Deanery/Outreach III Bring the parish into compliance with Racial Awareness and Racism Audit mandates from recent diocesan conventions.	To hire a curate or not? We may have an opportunity to do so in coming months.
Buildings & Grounds IV: Vestry Liaison, along with the Rector, to Diamond Parking. Identify and address parking lot issues.	Order of St. Anne, Liaison Work with Rector & Wardens to better understand parish-OSA relationship, work toward better relationships and problem-solving.	Mission/Diocese/Deanery/Outreach IV Get up to speed on Prayer Book revision and the General Convention mandate that “each diocese be urged to create a liturgical commission.”	Young adult ministries. How to understand, respond to and grow the recent increase in participation at Ascension by young adults?
		Mission/Diocese/Deanery/Outreach V Keeping God’s People Safe: Point person for compliance with diocesan policies and training.	Communications – social media, website, newsletter. Generally in OK shape at present, but there’s always room for improvement.
			Open House Chicago
			Ascension Connections – parish fellowship opportunities and beyond.
Vestry Administration I: Hospitality – We share refreshments at Vestry meetings, taking turns. It helps to have one organizer.	Vestry Administration II: Organize new members to take a fresh look at the Vestry Covenant and propose any revisions.	Vestry Administration III: Nominating Committee: Identify and support candidates for election to the 2021 Vestry. Usually appointed in July or August.	Spirituality and Adult Education/Formation: classes, retreats, resources, scheduling, promotion.