

WHAT IS THE VESTRY?

If the idea of a Vestry is new to you, it is similar to the governing body of a nonprofit company. According to the website of the national Episcopal Church, the vestry is the “legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property.” It helps define the mission of the congregation, supports the church’s mission “by word and deed”, selects the rector of the Church, ensures effective organization, and manages the Church’s resources and finances. There is a significant time commitment including monthly meetings, committee meetings, and participation in Church events.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A VESTRY MEMBER

The responsibilities of the Vestry fall into three categories: Financial oversight, Facilities oversight, and Development. A Vestry member serves a three-year term, attends monthly meetings and annual retreat, serves as a liaison to at least one other Church committee or ministry group, attends Church and Church events on a regular basis, and supports the annual stewardship campaign through giving and raising funds. In addition, according to our bylaws, a vestry candidate must be over 18 years of age, must be baptized and confirmed into the Episcopal Church.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to seek out qualified parishioners to run for the Vestry and to screen nominees for eligibility. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to review the Vestry Member position description to better inform your decision to serve. If you know a great candidate for Vestry or are one yourself, please get a nomination form by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please contact [Esther Hall](#) committee chair to chat further serving. ***Nomination forms must be received by Friday, January 3, 2025.***