

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY ELECTIONS

At our annual parish meeting on December 4, the people of Christ Church will elect five persons to serve on the Vestry for a three-year term. Those elected will fill the positions currently held by Louise Bonner, Jane Coulter, Geoff Peters, Ken Thompson and Chris Ullrich. The new vestry members will serve with the following members in 2023: Virginia Anderson, Marks Arnold, Laura Copps, Cindy Costa, Kathleen Dean, Fletcher Gregory, Alison Gugenheim, Sarah Kain, Bill Lorenz and Wellford Tabor. Service on the Vestry is an important ministry in our parish. The Vestry is responsible for the executive and organizational affairs of Christ Church and provides lay leadership in the spiritual life of the parish.

The Election Process

The Rector and the Senior Warden, in consultation with the Vestry, have appointed a nominating committee to ensure that an adequate number of qualified nominees for vacancies on the Vestry are presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. The members of the nominating committee are: Doug Ey (Chair), Virginia Anderson, Laura Copps, Jane Coulter, Randall Mountcastle, Chris Ullrich and Ken Thompson, Senior Warden (ex-officio). At least four weeks before the annual meeting, the nominating committee will deliver to the Rector the names of its nominees. Additional nominations for the Vestry may be made in writing, with the consent of the nominee, and delivered to the Rector no later than twelve days before the annual meeting, at which time the nominations will be deemed closed. Information about the nominees will be published prior to the annual meeting.

Who Can Serve

The nominating committee is charged with developing a diverse slate that will assure our Vestry continues to have the skills it needs to lead our parish. Those skills include an understanding of the various needs of our parishioners and our community, and of the governance and traditions of the Episcopal Church, as well as experience in board service, financial management, and personnel management. All nominees must be confirmed Episcopalians and communicants in good standing. Under Diocesan Canons and our Bylaws, “good standing” means that for the past year the nominee “has been faithful in corporate worship (unless for good cause prevented) and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.” Nominees must not have served on the Vestry during the preceding two years. In addition, it is customary for the committee to include on its slate at least two parishioners who have not previously served a full term on the Vestry.

How You Can Help

The nominating committee welcomes your assistance in identifying qualified potential candidates for the Vestry. **Please send your suggestions, no later than October 21, to Nominating Committee Chair, Doug Ey at doug.ey.jr@gmail.com or 704-516-1839.** The nominating committee will consider all suggestions.