

2018 ELECTIONS AT HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



BASELINE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA PER DIOCESAN CANONS

Elected Vestry members and Council Delegates are required to be **confirmed communicants in good standing** of the congregation they represent and be at least 18 years of age.

The retiring members of the Vestry serving as a committee to present a slate of nominees to the parish are Jan Bardenhagen, Matt McKinney, and Kathleen Yanni.

“For purposes of the Canons, a communicant in good standing is a communicant who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship... and has been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.”

In other words,

- Regular attendance at services;
- Faithful participation in various ministries at Holy Trinity;
- Consistent financial support for the church’s mission through a financial pledge.



HOLY TRINITY VESTRY CANDIDATE CRITERIA

- Engages with others in a courteous manner
- Strives to understand and respects and conforms to current church practices and procedures in all areas of HT’s common life
- Honors the responsibilities of lay and clergy leadership and their stewardship of the “big picture”

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL VESTRY MEMBERS¹

All vestry members should strive to the best of their abilities to:

- Demonstrate a love of God and a commitment to following the way of Christ;

- Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance;
- Be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of the members of the congregation;
- Purposefully strive to “check one’s ego at the door;”
- Commit to be a servant of the people without the need to be the “most important person” in the congregation or the need to be the one with the right answers;
- Have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry.

¹This section reprinted from *The Vestry Resource Guide*, published by the Episcopal Church Foundation 2007.

All vestry members should be able to make the following time commitments:

- Vestry meetings
- Vestry committee work;
- Vestry retreat (TBA);
- Weekly worship services;
- Engagement in various congregational events such as Sunday hospitality, outreach projects, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.;
- Diocesan meetings, as necessary;
- Annual meeting.

All vestry members are responsible for:

- Offering talents to support HT ministry;
- Praying daily for the rector, staff, volunteer leaders, and members of the congregation;
- Pledging financial support early in the annual giving campaign and following through with one’s pledge;
- Being active ministers of the Gospel in daily life and work;
- Bringing one’s whole self to the table: being present in mind, body, and spirit;
- Risking openness with one’s ideas, beliefs and desires and those of others.