



## Vestry Candidate Questionnaire

Please respond to the following questions for information and questions on a separate document, answering the questions as fully as you can, **but limiting your responses to no more than one page.**

Please sign this page and return it with your response sheet.

### VESTRY MINISTRY AND PURPOSE

The Vestry is the legal board of directors for the church, and is responsible for determining the policies and goals of the congregation. The Vestry is to communicate with the congregation about the life, future, concerns and functions of the parish within its current context. It must also take care of all of the legal and financial details of administering a corporation.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

- Name, Address, Phone and Email

### PERSONAL CONTEXT

- What do you consider to be your three greatest strengths or gifts?
- How will you experience, strengths, gifts or interests contribute to the Vestry's stated ministry and purpose?
- Please describe any particular education, training or expertise you have that would be helpful in carrying out the Vestry's mission and purpose.

### CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

- Why do you choose to be a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd?
- What do you see as being the three greatest strengths of this congregation?
- What are the three most compelling opportunities open to this congregation?
- What are three significant challenges facing this congregation?

### SERVICE TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

- In what ways have you served as a volunteer in this parish, currently or in the past?
- Which of the above volunteer experiences have you found to be most personally fulfilling, and why?
- Which of the above volunteer experiences did you not enjoy as much, and why?

### SERVICE TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

- In what ways have you served as a volunteer in other congregations, civic groups, or service or professional organizations, currently or in the past?
- Which of the above volunteer experiences have you found to be most personally fulfilling, and why?
- Which of the above volunteer experiences did you not enjoy as much, and why?

### ELIGIBILITY

- A candidate for the position of Trustee on the Vestry must be an elector of the congregation. An "elector" is defined by the Diocesan Canon VII as follows:  
*As used in these Canons, an elector is a lay communicant member of a Congregation who is sixteen (16) years of age or over, whose name is duly enrolled as such in the Register of the Congregation, who is regular in attendance at divine services, and who makes stated contributions of record to the general support of the Congregation.*
- "Stated contributions of record" means that the person has contributed financially to the congregation in a manner that permitted the contribution to be tracked in our financial records.

### EXPECTATIONS

- faithfully to attend each Vestry meeting, in person or remotely;
- to participate in Vestry retreats;
- to be active in attending and supporting parish functions;
- to abide by the Vestry Covenant.

### DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I am submitting my name as a candidate for the Vestry, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. In doing so, I am affirming that I meet all of the requirements of an elector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, as set forth in Canon VII, and I give permission for my responses to this questionnaire to be distributed to the members of the congregation to assist them in forming their decisions about which candidates to elect.

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date