

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
DUNEDIN, FLORIDA

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DELEGATE TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

**Thank you for your interest in serving as a Delegate! Please respond to these questions by email with "Delegate-Statement of Candidacy" in the subject line. Answer the questions as fully as you can, limiting your response to no more than one page (approximately 500-600 words). If your photograph is not in our online Parish Directory, please include one in your email.**

**DELEGATION MINISTRY AND PURPOSE**

Delegates to Diocesan Convention represent the parish when a Deanery or the Diocese meet to conduct official business, and for informing the Vestry of what transpired at those meetings. At the Annual Diocesan Convention, Delegates vote on the diocesan budget and elect people to serve on various committees, boards, and as deputies to The Episcopal Church General Convention.

**ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON THE VESTRY:**

- A candidate to be a Delegate 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 permits the contribution to be tracked in our financial records.

**EXPECTATIONS OF DELEGATES:**

- **Worship, Events and Activities** – Delegates will be regular in attendance at Good Shepherd's worship services and will actively engage in the fellowship, service events, and activities of the congregation.
- **A Delegate is expected to:**
  - Attend all called Deanery Convocations, typically twice per year, in the Spring and Fall.
  - Attend a parish planning session, which will be held prior to any convocation or convention.
  - Participate in the workshops held the Friday before the Annual Convention and report back to the Good Shepherd Vestry and clergy on what was learned at the workshops.
  - Attend the Annual Diocesan Convention, held in Punta Gorda, Florida, on a Saturday in mid-October, and any special conventions that are called (which is rare). The parish pays for one night's hotel stay and two lunches for each delegate attending a diocesan convention.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** *In completing your 1-page statement, please write a narrative response to the questions rather than "fill in the blanks." You are free to add anything else you would like people to consider.*

**1. Contact Information:** Name, Address, Phone and Email

**2. Personal Context**

- What do you consider to be your three greatest strengths or gifts?
- Please describe any education, training or expertise that would be helpful in serving as a Delegate.
- How will your experience, strengths, gifts or interests contribute to your ability to serve as a Delegate?
- Why do you want to serve as a Delegate?

**3. Connection with the Church of the Good Shepherd:**

- Why do you choose to be a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd?
- In what ways have you served in this parish, currently or in the past?
- Which of these experiences have you found to be most personally fulfilling, and why?
- Which of these experiences did you not enjoy as much, and why?

**4. Service to other Organizations:**

- Describe your volunteer service in other congregations, civic groups, or service or professional organizations, currently or in the past.
- Which of these experiences have you found to be most personally fulfilling, and why?
- Which of these experiences did you not enjoy as much, and why?

*By submitting a Statement of Candidacy, you affirm that you meet all of the eligibility requirements of an elector of the Church of the Good Shepherd as set forth above, understand the expectations of Vestry members, and you give permission for your responses and photograph to be distributed to the members of the congregation.*