



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
DUNEDIN, FLORIDA

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR VESTRY

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Vestry! Please respond to these questions by email with “Vestry-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.

VESTRY MINISTRY AND PURPOSE

The Vestry is the legal board of directors for the parish, responsible for how the congregation lives into its Vision and Mission. The Vestry also handles the legal and financial administration of the church corporation. Excellent communication with the members of the parish is a major Vestry commitment.

ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON THE VESTRY:

- A candidate for the position 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 eighteen (18) 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 VESTRY MEMBERS:

- **Worship, Events and Activities** – Members 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.
- **Vestry Meetings and Retreats** – Members will attend all Vestry gatherings, in person or remotely, including:
 - Regular meetings on the 4th Wednesday of every month @ 6:30 p.m., or as rescheduled.
 - The Organizational meeting (on February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.), and the Orientation for new Vestry members (immediately following).
 - The Vestry retreat (on March 13, 2021).
- **Vestry Covenant:** Members must agree to and abide by the covenant adopted by the Vestry.

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. Service to 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?

3. 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?

4. 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?

5. Personal Context

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

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.