



**Vestry Nomination Information
2023**

**Vestry Elections, November 19th
Following 10:15 AM Service**

What is the Vestry ?

The Vestry is the governing board of Church of the Epiphany that, with the Rector, leads the parish. As part of the Anglican Church of North America, the role of our Vestry is defined as follows:

“The governing board is responsible for the temporalities of the congregation and, except where otherwise provided by canon, supports the clergy in the spiritual leadership of the congregation.”

Serving on the Vestry is an exciting opportunity to grow spiritually and be part of the leadership as we follow Jesus Christ on our spiritual journey.

What is it like?

We meet once a month (2nd Tuesday) from 7-9:00 pm. We respect your commitment, so we start on time and end on time, unless we agree as a group to go later. Prayer is the beginning and end of our meetings. While we meet, the Prayer Team intercedes in prayer for us. We deliberate over the strategic issues and decisions for Epiphany. During the meeting we check in with each other on what we're doing, ask for help when we need it and make decisions only after we have all the information and time we need.

What is expected of Vestry leadership?

All of us are in the process of growing into what it means to be a disciple of our Lord. None of us is perfect, sinless or done growing. Vestry members are expected to be committed to Christ, have a regular time in His Word, and depend on Him for strength and wisdom.

We need your prayers for Epiphany, our priests and your fellow leaders. You have power in deciding the budget, so it is required that you support Epiphany financially as well. As a servant-leader, it is important that you be at church most Sundays, attend vestry meetings and participate in major parish events. As a Vestry member you will be supported in prayer by prayer partners.

The Vestry Oath: What am I signing on to?

“I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary for salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ, and I do yield my hearty consent to the Fundamental Declarations set forth in Article I of the Constitution, and to the discipline and forms of worship of the Anglican Church in North America. I promise, with God's help, that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Vestry member of this Congregation to the best of my ability.”

What are the qualifications?

A candidate for the Vestry of Church of the Epiphany must:

1. Be an Eligible Voter of the congregation, 18 years of age or older.
2. Be confirmed or received by a Bishop of a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion and be a person not holding equivalent status in another church or parish regardless of denomination.
3. Submit his/her name and information to the Nominating Committee so people can pray before the election.

How do I know I am called? Is it the time for me to contribute?

You are invited to come to an upcoming Vestry Meeting to see what the Vestry does and how it operates. Meetings are normally on the second Tuesday of the month and begin at 7:00 pm.

Leadership in Epiphany is primarily based in serving. Service is giving yourself to God's purpose for you and others. If you are looking for an opportunity to grow in prayer, love and experiencing the power of God's Spirit, then pray and ask God to show you where He wants you.

So what do I do next?

The first step is to apply to be a Nominee. The easiest way this can be done is by filling out the Vestry Nomination form on the last page of this document. You can nominate yourself or you can be nominated by another member of the congregation.

Once you are nominated, the final step is complete the Vestry Nominee Bio form that is available at the following link:

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Both the last page of this document, the Vestry Nomination Form, and the full Vestry Nominee Bio form must be completed and returned to a member of the Nomination Committee, or emailed to star@epiphanyanglican.net on or before **October 19, 2023**. This information will be provided to the parish via the STAR newsletter and by posting it at the church. Vestry elections will be held during the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, November 19, 2023** following the 10:15 AM Service.

A summary of the biographical information questions that appear in the Vestry Nominee Bio form is shown in the box below:

NOMINEE'S BIOGRAPHY

Name:

Family Members:

Occupation:

- a. How would you describe your relationship with God and how you have come to this point in your spiritual journey?
- b. In order for the parish to get to know you, describe your history with the Church of the Epiphany, including how long you have been attending and in which ministries you are or have been involved.
- c. What are your hopes and dreams for Church of the Epiphany?
- d. How will your life experience and abilities contribute to our leadership?

Vestry Nomination Form			
You may apply yourself – or nominate another person (WITH their approval)			
Name			
Address			
Phone	Home	Cell	Work
e-mail			
Approximate Dates	Baptism	Confirmation	Transfer to Epiphany
Nominated by	Name		
Nominees Acceptance	Signature		Date

*For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.
(1 Samuel 16:7)*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
(Proverbs 3:5-6)*

*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.
(Ephesians 5:15-16, 21)*

*Do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.
(1 Samuel 12:20, 24)*

Vestry Nominating Committee for 2023
Leslie Johnson Out-going Vestry Member
Geoffrey Seroka, Out-going Vestry Member
Christina Cummings, Out-going Vestry Member
Greg Harrison, Member-at-large
Ralph Morris, Member-at-large

Fillable versions of Vestry Nomination Information document and form and the Vestry Nominee Bio form can be downloaded at the following link.

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