

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Vestry Nominating Committee

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The Committee announces that the next Vestry election will be on January 28, 2024, at the Annual Parish Meeting. Applications for interested candidates are due in the church office by January 8, 2024.

There are three vacancies, each for three years. We ask that:

1. Those interested carefully and prayerfully consider making your interest known to one of the Nominating Committee members
2. If you, as an eligible voter, know of anyone whom you believe would be a strong candidate, please contact a Nominating Committee member so we can follow up.
3. An eligible voter, per Article III (A) of our By Laws must be 18 years or over, recognized by the Rector as a regular worshipper at the Church, with an average attendance of twice per month and known to the Treasurer as a regular contributor on at least a monthly basis (unless a prior arrangement has been made with the Treasurer).

The qualifications for Vestry membership are as follows (based on applicable passages of Titus 1):

- A mature Christian
- One who maintains an active life of prayer and study of Scripture

- One whose life and relationships are in order
- One who is known and respected among the Congregation
- One who has been or is active in ministry
- One who is known as a cheerful giver of time, talent and treasure
- One who understands, has counted the cost of, and is committed to fulfilling the responsibilities and duties of a Vestry member
- One who affirms the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese as set forth in Article I of the Diocesan Constitution and the Standards of Morality and Ethics as set forth in Title II, Canon 5 of the Diocesan Canons.

These declarations are:

Exemplary Morality: Clergy and laity of this Diocese are called to be exemplary in all spheres of morality. This is a condition of being appointed to or remaining in a position or office of leadership.

Sanctity of Marriage: In view of the teaching of Holy Scripture, the Lambeth Conference of 1998, and the Jerusalem Declaration, this Diocese upholds faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union; believes that abstinence from sexual relations is right for those who are not called to marriage; and cannot legitimize or bless same sex unions or ordain persons who engage in homosexual behavior. Sexual relations should take place only between a man and a woman who are married to each other.

Sanctity of Life: God, and not man, is the creator of human life. The unjustified taking of life is sinful. Therefore, all clergy and laity are called to promote and respect the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death.

Pastoral Ministry: Clergy and laity are called upon to show Christ-like compassion to those who have fallen into sin, encouraging them to repent and receive forgiveness, and offering the ministry of healing to all who suffer physically or emotionally as a result of such sin.

Protection of Children: Clergy and laity are stewards responsible for the nurturing and care of children and young people who participate in the life of the congregation. There is no tolerance for engaging in or remaining silent about inappropriate sexual language or advances toward or abuse of children or young people.

Applications are now available here <https://www.immanuelanglicanchurch.org/vestry> or by contacting the office at office@iachurch.org. Additional notifications and important information will follow.