

Vestry Selection Process

It is time to nominate and elect new vestry members. At our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2012, we will be electing four new vestry members. The Nominating Committee consists of the three outgoing vestry members: Larry Browndyke, John Kalb, and Chris Wilt. Here is an overview of the process.

What Is a Vestry?

The Vestry is a body of non-ordained persons in the Episcopal Church, duly elected by members of the church to provide oversight, with the rector, of the spiritual and physical concerns of the parish. The Vestry specifically authorizes all financial expenditures of the church and oversees church property.

In accordance with the canons of the Diocese of Dallas, the Vestry shall consist of nine to eighteen members. Here at St. Luke's our Vestry has twelve members. Vestry members serve a three-year term and are not eligible for reelection for one year.

Who Is Eligible to Serve?

Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing aged eighteen years or older are eligible to serve on the vestry. Further, it is expected that the person being nominated is a financial giver of record and actively involved in the life of the parish. Vestry membership should not be considered an honor for past service but rather a commitment to future service.

What Kind of Person Are We Looking for?

First, we're looking for people who are already involved as leaders in St. Luke's. They are people of thoughtfulness, prayer, and respect among the congregation. They are faithful stewards of their resources, and they must have the time to attend a monthly vestry meeting, participate in other committee work of the vestry, and agree ahead of time to attend the Vestry Orientation Retreat.

Who Elects and When?

Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing aged eighteen years or older are eligible to elect vestry members. The election will be held at the Annual Parish Meeting in January.

How do We Nominate Prospective Vestry Members?

Consent of the person being nominated must be granted. Please use the following form, confirm with the nominee, and submit to a Nominating Committee Member or e-mail Fr. Robert Odom, rodom@stlukesdallas.org.

Vestry Candidate Nomination

I wish to recommend _____ to serve on the Vestry of St. Luke's Church. I believe that God is calling this person to serve on the vestry for the following reasons:

Person Making Nomination / Date

Affirmation and Consent of Nominee

I have read the requirements and expectations to serve on the vestry and affirm them, I have prayed about whether God is calling me to serve on the Vestry of St. Luke's and believe that He is calling me to do so, and I will give the time and effort required to serve our Lord and St. Luke's well and consent to my being nominated.

Person Being Nominated / Date