

QUALITIES SOUGHT IN VESTRY MEMBERS

1. As an existing member of the parish the vestry candidate should:
 - a. Be faithful and steadily present in Sunday worship.
 - b. Reflect a deep commitment to the Christian faith and to the Church's ministry.
 - c. Be a proportional, pledging member of the parish.
 - d. In most cases, manifest leadership abilities and commitment within the parish and/or diocese.
2. As a Vestry member, give himself or herself to the demands of being a leader in the parish:
 - a. Be steadily present at gatherings of the congregation including coffee hour and parish-wide events.
 - b. Attend all monthly Vestry meetings and go on weekend conferences with the Vestry, at least once a year, for occasions of planning and spiritual reflection.
 - c. Understand that much of Vestry "business" is finance, facilities, and long range planning.
 - d. Serve on other lay committees that support programmatic ministries of the parish.
 - e. Reflect seriously with the Vestry on the Christian call to stewardship of our resources of wealth and talent and serve as a leader of the congregation in this regard.
 - f. Take seriously a course of personal growth in the traditions of the Christian faith and be intentional about one's personal growth in the faith.
3. Additional qualities:
 - a. Bring distinctive and valuable skills and abilities to the Vestry's work.
 - b. Be committed to a discipline of careful listening and open dialogue.
 - c. Be willing to consider a wide range of points of view.

Finally, the Vestry should represent in its members the breadth and diversity of the parish membership. The slate of nominees should be drawn from a broad spectrum of parish life.