



## **CRITERIA & EXPECTATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL VESTRY**

### **CRITERIA FOR MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY**

A member of the vestry of St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral must be:

- A committed Christian and follower of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
- Committed to the Holy Scriptures as the foundation and authority of our life together and containing all things necessary to salvation, and to the orthodox teachings as shown by Scripture and confessed in the historic Creeds.
- A man or woman of prayer, seeking not to represent a constituency, but to discern God's call for this parish
- Active and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance,
- A Confirmed communicant of the parish, in good standing
- 18 years of age by the date of election
- Regular in Sunday worship attendance
- A regular tither to the parish
  - Each member must have submitted a pledge for the current year
  - Each member must be a generous giver of record for the previous year
- Willing to commit to every meeting of the vestry and any committee work
  - Each member may only miss two vestry meetings per year unless specifically excused by the Rector or Senior Warden
- Willing to attend an annual vestry retreat
- Able to take responsibility for the physical and financial well-being of the parish
- Able to take responsibility for advising the Rector and clergy in any way requested

### **EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY**

In addition to the above minimum criteria, each member of the vestry should strive to meet the following expectations:

- They are leaders in the parish and seek active involvement in ministry.
- They understand their role in both advising and ministering to the clergy.
- They encourage a welcoming atmosphere at St. Peter's.
- They seek to resolve conflict in a godly way, not engaging in idle gossip or unhelpful speculation, but taking the role of a leader.
- They work to raise up new leadership by identifying the gifts of others and helping them find their place in ministry.
- They are enthusiastic about our Anglican heritage, seeking to deepen our relationships within our diocese and with other members of the Anglican tradition.
- They are committed to mission work, seeking opportunities to draw themselves and the parish into the wider work of God's Kingdom at home and abroad.
- They are willing to risk vulnerability, sharing their ideas, passion, and vision for this parish with other members of the vestry.
- They are mature enough to support the vestry and clergy within the congregation and strong enough to bring difficult matters before the vestry and clergy.