

What does the Vestry do?

The Vestry is a group of twelve members of the parish who are elected for three-year terms. The Vestry is responsible for the temporal affairs of the parish. These duties include maintaining the building and grounds, creating the annual budget and raising the necessary funds to sustain the operations of the parish (stewardship), providing the materials necessary for worship, calling the rector, and working in partnership with the rector for the ministries of the parish.

Who may serve on the Vestry?

To be eligible to serve on the Vestry a person must:

- 1) Be sixteen years of age or older;
- 2) Have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- 3) Be confirmed by a bishop in the Episcopal Church or another church in full communion with the Episcopal Church;
- 4) Be a regular attendee at worship services;
- 5) Be a giver of record and known to the treasurer.

Each Vestry member is expected to take an active role in the life of the parish. This expectation includes direct involvement with one or more of the ministries of the parish.

Qualities sought in new Vestry members:

- 1) A servant leader's heart
- 2) The ability to listen and engage with respect (team player)
- 3) Creativity and enthusiasm
- 4) A love for the parish and her people
- 5) A willingness to act as faithful stewards of parish resources.

If you or someone you know meets this description please consider submitting the name to our nominating committee. The members of the committee are Kathryn Carter, Dee Hall, and Erin Schuermeyer. If you plan to submit someone else's name you must obtain their written consent first. Submissions can be emailed to office@ascensionhickory.org. The deadline for submissions is December 14th.