

Expectations of a Vestry Member* (2011-2012)

1. Preparation for and attendance at all Vestry Meetings is a priority.
2. Regular attendance at worship services.
3. Regular attendance and participation in the activities and life of St. Paul's Parish.
4. Vestry members exercise leadership by example and participation both in the temporal affairs (business life) **and** the spiritual life of the parish.
5. Vestry members are expected to serve as an Officer of the Vestry, or as the Chair of or as Liaison to one of the Vestry Committees.
6. Vestry members are asked to be leaders in exercising faithful stewardship of time and money. Stewardship of time is addressed in the above five expectations. Specifically faithful stewardship of money includes (1) making and paying a responsible annual pledge, (2) supporting the stewardship education ministries of St. Paul's and (3) working in some way in the annual year-round giving campaign of our broad stewardship ministries.
7. Listening to and dealing with the views of parishioners, especially their questions, suggestions, complaints and compliments. Where appropriate, sharing these views with the Rector, Staff and Vestry.
8. Pray for the clergy, leaders and congregation of the parish. A Prayer List of Vestry members is provided.
9. Speak the truth in love for the upbuilding of the body of Christ in the church.
10. Consciously consider and review all deliberations and actions of the Vestry in the light of St. Paul's Mission Statement:

“The mission of St. Paul's Church is to worship God, to proclaim the Gospel, to care for one another within the Parish Family, and to reach out in loving service to our community and the world, keeping mindful of our traditions and our setting as an urban Episcopal parish.”

Remember, while it is an honor to be elected a member of the Vestry, membership on the Vestry is not an honorary position.

*** Those *standing for election* to Vestry should also be committed to:**

- 1. Be available for “Introduction of Nominees” during the Adult Christian Education Hour on **Sunday, October 30.****
- 2. Attend, if possible, a special planning meeting the afternoon of Saturday, **November 5.****
- 3. Attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday, **November 8,** and if elected:**
- 4. Attend and participate Vestry meetings **November 14 and 21, December 19, January 16** and in a 2012 Vestry Retreat in **January, likely 27-28, 2012.****
- 5. Representing the parish as a delegate to the 2012 Diocesan Convention in Knoxville **Feb. 10-11.****
- 6. Complete a local Safeguarding God's Children workshop in 2011 or 2012.**