

St. John's Vestry Discernment Form

St. John's Episcopal Church is a strong congregation, with many opportunities for members to serve in leadership roles. St. John's vestry is the primary leadership body, serving as the spiritual discernment and decision-making body, responsible for setting church vision, financial oversight, policy development and overall nurturing of St. John's many ministries.

As you consider serving on St. John's vestry, please take a few moments to answer the following questions. We hope these questions will help you discern your role at St. John's.

1. How have you participated in the life of St. John's? _____

2. What would you hope to contribute as part of St. John's vestry? _____

3. What ministry areas or aspects of our shared community are of particular interest to you? _____

Vestry candidate characteristics:

- Pledging member of St. John's for at least one year
- Established leadership or participation at St. John's – demonstrated "investment" in parish life
- Desire to serve on vestry as one part of Jesus' call of us to serve others
- Able to put St. John's needs ahead your own - community needs vs. personal preferences – as part of the biblical imperatives about how we are to treat one another and live in community
- Spiritual maturity - actively engaged in your spiritual journey
- Willing to serve a three-year vestry commitment
- Participate in "Safe Church" training and background check