

Vestry & Delegate Candidate Criteria at St. Michael's Church

ELIGIBILITY

According to our diocesan Canons a person elected to the vestry must fulfill the following requirements:

- Be a communicant in good standing
- Be a member of St. Michael's for at least 6 months preceding election
- Be regular in attendance at Sunday worship services
- Be a pledging member or giver of record entitled to vote in the Annual Meeting of the congregation, as described in the By-Laws of St. Michael's Parish and the Canons of the Diocese of Northern California.

ADDITIONAL QUALITIES DESIRABLE IN CANDIDATES

Each nominee for the Vestry should:

- Have a strong personal commitment to Jesus Christ and to carrying out Christ's ministry, as expressed in the Baptismal Covenant (*BCP*, pp 304-305)
- Be willing to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in all deliberations and decisions.
- Be active in the life of the parish and willing, as a parish leader, to support the mission and ministry of St. Michael's Church.

BASIC DUTIES OF VESTRY MEMBERS

- Attend regularly scheduled vestry meetings (3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM).
- Attend the annual Diocesan Leadership Conference on February 25, 2012 (Trinity Cathedral).
- Attend two vestry retreats related to the pastoral transition process (TBA).
- Serve as vestry representative to an identified parish committee or ministry

DUTIES OF DELEGATES

Delegates should meet both the "eligibility requirements," exhibit the "additional qualities" outlined above, and:

- Be able to attend the Spring (May) & Fall (October) Convocations and the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northern California: November 9-10, 2012 (location TBA).

Nomination Form – 2012 Vestry and Diocesan Delegates

Return to Church Office or to Nomination Committee

(Jim Sargent, Chair)

If elected, I agree to fulfill the Vestry's published criteria for nomination. This nomination is for:

- The 2012 St. Michael's Vestry 2012 Delegate to Convention

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

Recommended by (if other than nominee): _____ Date: _____

Please Complete Information Form on Reverse Side

Candidate Information Form

The information you provide will be summarized and printed for distribution to members of St. Michael's prior to the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Fax _____

email: _____

Membership: St. Michael's needs both seasoned and fresh perspectives as representatives. How long have you been a member at St. Michael's Parish? (Check any that apply)

- 6 months to a year 1-5 years 6-10 years 11+ years
 Baptized Member Confirmed/Received Member of the Episcopal Church

Worship service usually attended:

- 8:00 service 10:00 service 5:00 service

Candidate Involvement: Within the **past five years**, please check all that apply.

- Regularly attendance (one or more Sundays per month)
 Involved in worship (altar guild, lector, choir, Eucharistic minister, usher, greeter, acolyte)
 Involved in program ministries (e.g., EfM, Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Education, Men's Groups, Women's Groups, Study Groups, etc.)
 Involved in church support ministries (e.g., Fundraising Activities, Outreach Committee, Vestry, Delegate, Diocesan Committee, Office Volunteer, Buildings & Grounds)
 Leadership Roles: _____
 Other (please specify) _____

Financial Commitment: The by-laws of St. Michael's require that vestry members make stated contributions of record to the support of the parish. Because the vestry asks the congregation to pledge financial support each year, it is expected that members of the vestry make a commitment as well.

- I was a giver of record in 2011 I have made a pledge for 2012

For Vestry Candidates:

What do you like best about St. Michael's? (25 words or less)

Do you have special talents, skills, or professional background which you believe would be valuable as a vestry member? (25 words or less)

For Convention Delegate Candidates:

Do you have past experience as a delegate or would this be your first opportunity? What interests you most about representing St. Michael's at our Diocesan Convention? (50 words or less)