

Vestry Application Form

In order to be elected to the Vestry one must be a “member in good standing” as defined by the Canons (1.17.3) of the Episcopal Church: “All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.”

What this means and implies is:

Baptized (does not have to have been baptized at Good Shepherd or the Episcopal Church) or Confirmed in the Episcopal Church or Received from another Church.

Supports the parish financially, that is, **pledges** annually

Member of the parish for a minimum of **one year**

Attends Sunday services regularly.

Serves the parish in some **ministry** for example greeter, coffee host, usher, reader, etc.

Has an active **prayer** life

As you can see, standards are required for serving in positions in the Episcopal Church; otherwise, those might be elected who have little understanding or commitment. This is protection for us all. I certify that I meet all the above listed requirements.

Signature and Date _____

Printed name _____

Please complete the following autobiographical information on a separate sheet and return this form and your response to the church office no later than the **second Sunday in January** to be distributed to the parish:

☞ When I became a **member** of the Episcopal Church and a member of Good Shepherd.

☞ My **involvement** at Good Shepherd, the broader church, local community, and beyond

☞ My **vocation, avocation, and/or occupation...**

☞ Gifts, skills, areas of interest, **networks** I have to share

☞ Other information that I would like to **share**