

# Notice of 2023 Vestry & Delegate Nominations

*December 18, 2022*

Our Annual Meeting will be held after Holy Eucharist in the church and over Zoom on Sunday, January 22.

## **Vestry Nominations**

The vestry is our Parish board. It is responsible for the temporal realities of the parish (such as stewardship of the finances and care of the buildings) and also serves in an advisory role to the priest. At the Annual Meeting, the Vestry terms of Russell Crooker (Junior Warden) and Cp Eva Mauch (Clerk) will conclude.

The requirement of Diocesan Canons is that "each congregation shall provide for the rotation in office of the Vestry members, in such manner that at least one new member shall be chosen each year and that no vestry member shall be eligible for immediate reelection." At the upcoming Annual Meeting, **two** members will be added to the Vestry, keeping the membership at eight lay people.

In order to be nominated to stand for election to Vestry, one must be a confirmed communicant in good standing; and must have fulfilled this requirement for at least 90 days prior to election. Vestry members are required to attend as many as 2 meetings per month (although typically just one) at a customary meeting time determined by that year's Vestry that is convenient for all members.

The nomination period begins today, December 18. We invite parishioners to prayerfully consider whether God might be calling them to nominate anyone who fits the requirements above. In order to make a nomination, please visit [saintmatthiasoakdale.com/nomination](http://saintmatthiasoakdale.com/nomination).<sup>2</sup> Once it is determined that the nominee meets all qualifications, they will be asked by Fr John or a Vestry member whether they accept the nomination. The nomination period will close Sunday, January 15 and, to ensure proper vetting, there will be no nominations accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Those not eligible to be nominated for Vestry this year include those who will be completing a full 3-year term (only Russell & Eva) and the spouses of Vestry members continuing into 2023. Current vestry members whose terms will continue into 2023 are Barbara Cortese, Bruce Curtis, Nan Gravel, Linda Reiff, Roz Taulbee, and Barbara Vasko.

## **Lay Delegate Nominations**

At our Annual Meeting, we will also elect delegates to represent our parish at the next Diocesan Convention, being held in Fresno on October 26-27, 2023. Saint Matthias will send two delegates to Convention, along with all our clergy, and have two alternates. Being a delegate is a tremendous responsibility, but also a great opportunity to get to know the Anglican Church and tradition on the Diocesan level. Lay Delegates are required to be communicants in good standing. We invite parishioners to prayerfully consider whether God might be calling them to nominate anyone who fits this requirement. In order to make a nomination, please visit [saintmatthiasoakdale.com/nomination](http://saintmatthiasoakdale.com/nomination). Once it is determined that the Nominee meets the qualifications, they will be asked by Fr John or the Vestry whether they accept the nomination. The nomination period will close Sunday, January 9.

Our 2022 Delegates were Linda Reiff & Karen Roberts.

<sup>1</sup> "Definition of Communicant in Good Standing: 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, are to be considered communicants in good standing" (San Joaquin Diocesan Canons 2.02.b.3).

<sup>2</sup> We ask that all parishioners refrain from campaigning for these positions.