

Notice of 2022 Vestry & Delegate Nominations

December 19, 2021

Our Annual Meeting will be held after Holy Eucharist in the church and over Zoom on one of the final three Sundays in January, with the particular Sunday still to be determined.

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 Allan James & Dolores Vargas (completing the term of Dcn Luke Childs).

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 standing¹ 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. Members are also expected to attend the annual Vestry Retreat (Feb 25-27 in Three Rivers, CA) unless reasonably prevented, which is paid for by the Parish. Each position is a three-year term.

The nomination period begins today, December 19. 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.² 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 9 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 Allan James) and the spouses of Vestry members continuing into 2020. Current vestry members whose terms will continue into 2022 are Barbara Cortese, Bruce Curtis, Russell Crooker, Eva Mauch, Linda Reiff, and Barbara Vasko.

Lay Delegate Nominations

At our Annual Meeting, we will also elect delegates to represent our parish at the next Diocesan Convention, scheduled to return to Fresno and a duration of two days, October 28-29, 2022. Saint Matthias will send two delegates with along Fr John, Fr Jim, & Dcn Luke to our Diocesan Convention 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. 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 2020 Delegates were Justin Black & Dolores Vargas.

¹ "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).

² We ask that all parishioners refrain from campaigning for these positions.