

ST. PAUL'S VESTRY CANDIDATES FOR 2012 ANNUAL MEETING



MISSION STATEMENT

Gathered by the Holy Spirit we worship God,
and transformed by Christ's love,
we go forth into the world
to love and serve with joy."

Vestry Candidate Application Form

Name: Bob Morse

Date: Jan. 9, 2012

Membership at St. Paul's since: Early 1970's. Approximately 40 yrs.

Why do you want to serve on Vestry?

St. Paul's has increasingly become a special part of my life (Jeanette's, too.) If elected to the Vestry, my hope is that I will be part of a team that builds St. Paul's so that our Church will become a special part of more people's lives.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing St. Paul's?

To some extent, we are growing old together. We have too many funerals; not enough weddings, baptisms, and confirmations. Our challenge is to continue the traditions that we love, while focusing more of our resources on programs attractive to young people and young families. We are making a nice start in this direction; we must continue our progress.

What are your areas of interest serving on the Vestry? (i.e. finances, music, education, etc.) I have served for many years on the finance committee, and on the stewardship ministry for the last few years. I believe that St. Paul's is blessed with an abundance of resources—many dedicated people, great talent, an awesome facility, and ample financial resources. I would like to think that by serving on the Vestry, I might help us to recognize and utilize even more of this abundance to allow St. Paul's to have growing programs for its members and for the greater community.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

I feel I have the time and energy to serve St. Paul's as a Vestryperson for the next three years. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve.

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Vestry Candidate Application Form

Name: Nicole Pridachuk

Date: December 20, 2011

Membership at St. Paul's since:

Our family has been attending services at St. Paul's since 2002. We have been active members since our daughter's baptism in 2005.

Why do you want to serve on Vestry?

I perceive a lack of representation of the families with young children in our Vestry. I hope to fill that void. I would like to be the voice for the parents and kids of St. Paul's within our Vestry and to make sure our concerns are being voiced and our needs are being expressed.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing St. Paul's?

I see the biggest challenges facing St. Paul's in the coming years to be our financial situation and our aging population. I see a great need in our parish to grow a vibrant community of young families, children and youth.

What are your areas of interest serving on the Vestry? (i.e. finances, music, education, etc.) I am interested in children's programs, Christian education and Parish Life activities.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

I have been an active volunteer at St. Paul's over the last few years and feel prepared to be a member of Vestry. I have taught Sunday School for the last three years, was a member of the Parish Profile Committee in 2009-10, and have served as the Vestry co-clerk in 2011.

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Vestry Candidate Application Form

Name: Marian Lampman

Date: December 14, 2011

Membership at St. Paul's since: 1988

Why do you want to serve on Vestry?

I care about the ministry of St. Paul's and would be pleased to help the people of the church go in the direction they want to go.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing St. Paul's?

The challenge for 2012 will be to determine how we can live within our financial means. Another challenge is to determine how we can best reach out to our community in order to show the love of Christ.

What are your areas of interest serving on the Vestry? (i.e. finances, music, education, etc.)

Music is one of my main interests in the church life. Also, I served as Vestry representative for 2 years on the Finance Committee, and would be pleased to return to this committee.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

I served as People's Warden for 3 years. The family of St. Paul's is very dear to me.

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Vestry Candidate Application Form

Name: Ronald Weitnauer

Date: December 11, 2011

Membership at St. Paul's since: November 2010.

I began attending the Episcopal Church in 1998, joined in 2003. I “chose” the Episcopal church after very careful and detailed consideration. I know exactly why I am here.

Why do you want to serve on Vestry?

St. Paul's —and by this I mean the people who show the love of Christ to strangers, the organized activities that allow newcomers to get involved, and the soothing and reassuring traditions of the Episcopal church—has been a true Godsend for Pat and I as we made a difficult transition. I have found strength, solace and hope in the Episcopal tradition and the people who live it. I would love to give something back by offering my experience in business, my heart in gratitude, and my hands in service.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing St. Paul's?

An aging congregation resulting in less energy, innovation and relevance. A younger generation that is skeptical, misinformed about, and even hostile to “religion”. Communication. We must articulate, in clear and sensible ways, what is true and strong and good about the Christian life in *this* time and *this* place.

What are your areas of interest serving on the Vestry? (i.e. finances, music, education, etc.) Education and Outreach. Website/Communications/“Marketing”. Engineering/physical plant. Maintaining and communicating the layers of meaning in our formal traditions. Enhancing the “sacredness” and sensory experience of the building and grounds. Exploring as a congregation some of the more transcendent and esoteric Christian practices.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve.

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Vestry Candidate Application Form

Name: Linda Ward

Date: December 21, 2011

Membership at St. Paul's since: 2000

Why do you want to serve on Vestry?

St. Paul's brings us together to hear God's word and to worship God, the primary responsibility of the Church and its people. The people of St. Paul's are increasing their outreach into the community demonstrating God's love and compassion as we are able, and working toward loving our neighbors as ourselves. I would like to be involved in furthering both parts of our Church life.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing St. Paul's?

It is important to keep our focus on the two great commandments. The many demands on time and resources might be evaluated by how each affects our abilities to love God, and to love our neighbor.

There is much more we could do for our neighbors with greater financial commitment by the people of St. Paul's. "Mission, Ministry and Money 2011" shows that 35% of St. Paul's households don't pledge. Financial stewardship is a very personal decision, but perhaps there is more information we could make available to members that would help them understand the effects of their pledge decisions. It is also important to remind ourselves often of our level of wealth in comparison to most other people in the world. Not least is the joy of giving, which some may not be experiencing due to fear of scarcity.

What are your areas of interest serving on the Vestry? (i.e. finances, music, education, etc.)

I'm particularly interested in ALMS ministry and Adult Education.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know? I am retired.

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Vestry Candidate Application Form

Name: Walt Hardy

Date: January 8, 2012

Membership at St. Paul's since: 1966

Why do you want to serve on Vestry?

I was asked by Linda Pierce if I would consent to placing my name as a candidate.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing St. Paul's?

Too few willing to participate or assist in the services.

What are your areas of interest serving on the Vestry? (i.e. finances, music, education, etc.)

Building maintenance.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

I would not want any Saturday conflicts during the fall months as we are Husky Football ticket holders, so fall retreats could be a problem. If it is, perhaps my name should be removed for consideration.

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