

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Notice of Requirements for Annual Meeting  
137-28 244<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rosedale, NY 11422

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

The Nominating Committee seeks nominees for the below elected offices. Voters at the Annual meeting will vote and elect from among the nominees.

Nominations shall be made in writing. The nomination form must be submitted to the Clerk of the Vestry no later than 10 days prior to the Annual meeting, together with a statement of not more than 75 words of the qualifications of the nominee.

Nominations must be submitted by **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021** in order to be included in the Annual meeting report

The vestry of St. Peter's has the responsibility of advancing the mission of our parish, which is to be "*a Lighthouse of Faith, Hope, and of God's Love through Worship, Prayer, Christian Education, Stewardship, Fellowship, Evangelism and Outreach.*" Each year we nominate new candidates for the open positions on the vestry.

**Qualifications of Voters** *(from By-laws Article III, Paragraph (D))*

1. All persons, eighteen years of age or older who are members of the parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting or since the establishment of such parish, and are known to the rector, the wardens and the treasurer, shall be Qualified Voters at any such election or special meeting.
2. Every communicant or baptized member of the Episcopal Church or any Church in communion therewith shall be entitled to equal rights and status in this parish. He/she shall not be excluded from participation in or from the worship or sacraments of the Church, nor from parochial membership because of race, color, or national origin.

**Qualification and Election of Wardens and Vestry Members** *(from By-laws Article III, Paragraph (G))*

3. All persons, eighteen years of age or older, being so qualified, shall be eligible for election as church warden or vestry members.
4. No person shall be eligible for election as church warden, unless that person is a baptized and confirmed member in the Episcopal Church, has deposited a copy of his/her baptismal and confirmation certificates in the church office, and a communicant in good standing in the parish. To hold office of warden, the person must have served on the current vestry for at least one year.

5. Church wardens and vestry members shall be elected by ballot from persons qualified to vote at such election.
6. No person shall be eligible for election as vestry member unless that person shall have been baptized and a communicant in good standing in the parish.
7. Persons elected must have already completed the Sexual Harassment course or must complete the course within 3 months of the election.

**Members in Good Standing** *(adapted from the Canons of EDLI)*

All members of St. Peter's Church who have attended church and/or have received Holy Communion at least three times in the preceding year (one of which included Easter), 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.

**Candidates for vestry**

The vestry welcomes and thrives on diversity in background, skills and experience and many different qualifications may make a person an excellent candidate. Listed below are some general guidelines for vestry member qualifications:

- Possess enthusiasm and caring for St. Peter's and personal spiritual maturity.
- Are baptized members of record, have been active in our parish life, and are regular worshipers and contributors.
- Are able and willing to make the necessary commitment of time and talent to serve on at least one committee in addition to regular meetings, retreats, and regular attendance at worship and parish events.
- Understand and participate in the vestry's role in stewardship and evangelism.
- Are willing to speak their mind, vote their conscience and work toward consensus.
- Are appreciative of differences in perspective and communications styles and are responsive to the diversity of the group.