

## **2024 Vestry Nominee Packet**

### **Annual Parish Meeting and Nominations for Vestry and Diocesan Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in person in Crail C on Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. At the meeting, we will elect five Vestry members for three-year terms. In addition, we will elect one Diocesan Council delegate for a four-year term and one to serve a one-year unexpired term.

Please consider nominees for these important positions and encourage others to submit their names. Self-nominations are also encouraged.

Those accepting nomination for parish office must be confirmed communicants of St. David's parish. The Canons read confirmed or the equivalent, which means "confirmed, received, or have reaffirmed baptismal vows before a bishop of this Church." They must be pledging members who are regular in attendance at worship. Nominees should also be pursuing spiritual growth in the Christian faith by being active in some ongoing class(es) or small group(s) in the parish.

In addition, each Vestry member will be asked to attend a Vestry retreat March 1-3, 2024 at a nearby location.

Each Diocesan Council member will be expected to attend the Diocesan Council meeting, which is scheduled on February 10, 2024 at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX US 76701.

If you wish to run for the Vestry or Diocesan Council, please download this packet from the web site ([www.stdave.org](http://www.stdave.org)) or contact Catherine Roberts ([catherine.r@stdave.org](mailto:catherine.r@stdave.org) or 610-3530) for a copy of the nominee packet. Then, please, complete the following steps:

1. Write a brief bio using the Nominee Form on the back of this page. Please read and follow the introductory paragraph at the top of the form.
2. Provide a picture no smaller than 2" x 2" at 300 dpi.
3. Return your completed bio and picture to Catherine Roberts at the church or via e-mail **no later than Noon on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

After the annual meeting is adjourned, the 2024-2025 vestry and council delegates will have group pictures taken by Communications. Then, the vestry members will meet briefly to elect officers and to sign the required forms.

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Included in this packet:

1. 2024 St. David's Vestry & Diocesan Council Nominee Form
2. Sample: Vestry Expectations and Covenant
3. Sample: Vestry Member Declaration required by the Diocese of Texas

## ST. DAVID'S VESTRY & DIOCESAN COUNCIL NOMINEE FORM

**Please tell us a little bit about yourself, keeping your write-up to 300 words or less. Please provide information that addresses the following questions, along with whatever else you feel is pertinent to you serving as a member of the St. David's Vestry or as a delegate to the Diocesan Council, in paragraph format.**

- 1) For which position are you submitting your nomination?  
 Vestry       Diocesan Council
- 2) What is your name?
- 3) What class(es) or small group(s) do you regularly attend?
- 4) Please list parish activities/programs in which you have been involved.
- 5) What is your occupational/education/vocational background and how might this assist you as a Vestry member?
- 6) In what community activities are you involved?
- 7) Why do you feel called by God to serve on the Vestry or Diocesan Council?

## Vestry Expectations and Covenant

**Mission Statement of St. David's Church:** St. David's is a diverse worshipping community of believers unified in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to receive and share God's love, hope, joy, vitality, and vision as we serve others.

*As a member of the Vestry, I am fully committed to the vision, mission and ministry of Christ through St. David's parish. I am dedicated to carrying out its mission. I understand that:*

1. I commit myself to a discipline of worship, study and personal spiritual growth. I will be regular in my attendance at worship (present at least more Sundays than not). I will involve myself in some form of ongoing spiritual formation by regularly attending at least one class or small group.
2. I understand that a facet of my spiritual formation is good stewardship of the resources God has given to me. I will make a timely pledge of financial support to my parish which reflects my commitment to God and to my parish. I commit to proportionate giving, with the understanding that a tithe (10%) is a desirable goal to be sought by all Christians.
3. I understand that it is the responsibility of the Vestry to make certain we have the necessary funds to meet our Parish's mission and work. I will actively engage in raising the financial resources necessary for our mission and ministry in whatever ways are best suited for me and most effectively serve the purposes of Christ at St. David's.
4. I take responsibility to be engaged with my Church and my Parish – our mission and ministry and our vision for the future. This includes attending each of its worship services in the course of a year, attending special functions and Feast Day liturgies, and reading carefully all parish publications and mailings (i.e. Looking Ahead, Connecting with St. David's, web site).
5. I will support the staff and encourage them to grow professionally and personally. I will be prepared to assist them in any appropriate ways.
6. I will be an enthusiastic booster, a **positive** advocate for the Parish. If I have concerns, I will raise them in an appropriate venue. I will seek to be a part of the solution for any problems that we face.
7. I will attend Vestry meetings, be available for phone consultation, and serve on at least one committee.
8. I will consider my service in the Parish to be my one of my highest priorities after my family and my job/vocation.
9. I recognize that the Vestry and Rector are responsible for St. David's future. I will participate in strategic planning and other means of planning and providing for our future.

In signing this document, I understand that every Vestry member makes a statement of faith to be a partner with every other Vestry member to strive for the success of Christ's mission at St. David's. We trust each other to carry out the above agreements to the best of our ability.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vestry Member

**Constitutions & Canons  
of the  
Episcopal Church  
in the  
Diocese of Texas**

Canon 9  
The Vestry

Section 9.1(b)

No person shall serve as a member of the Vestry until he or she shall have subscribed to the following declaration:

“I am persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ; and I accede to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.”

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