

CALVARY SHEPHERD SOCIETY

Ministry Description

Purpose

- Engage in connecting new members to the community of Calvary Episcopal Church.

Responsibility

- Learning and practicing how to listen to the Holy Spirit and respond to how the Spirit is working in others, helping to guide a new member's incorporation into the life of the parish.

Training and Commitment

- Three year commitment (renewable)
- One initial 5 hour Saturday training session – Terry Johnson will provide initial training session, and ongoing support and mentoring
- Minimum of one 90-minute meeting with each assigned newcomer
- Quarterly meetings to provide peer support, ongoing training, and response to concerns

Skills and Abilities

- Ability to talk with newcomers easily and warmly, and with patience and compassion
- Regular attendance at Sunday services
- Familiarity with the activities and ministries of our parish
- Sensitivity to the ranges of people's wants, needs, personality types, etc.
- Knowledge of theology, policies, activities, programs, services, staff and members of Calvary Church

Activities

- Host a 90-minute meeting with assigned newcomer(s) upon completion of the Discovery Class
- Assist in discerning ministry opportunities within and on behalf of Calvary Church
- Follow up with report to Ebet Peebles regarding needed contacts for ministry

Benefits

- Joy in shepherding new members of our Calvary family during a pivotal moment in their lives
- Satisfaction in helping the congregation incorporate new members
- Opportunity to exercise your particular gifts in carrying out your Baptismal Covenant to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself”
- Continued development of your social and pastoral skills