



# **ANNUAL MEETING**

## **Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua NH**

### **Sunday, January 28, 2024**

#### **11AM**

All members of the parish are encouraged to be present for this important annual gathering. Parish business to be conducted includes the election of Junior Warden, Clerk, four vestry members (3 to serve a three year term; 1 to complete a one year term); two convention delegates and one alternate, one youth delegate to the convention, and two representatives to the Nashua Area Interfaith Council. Please give prayerful consideration to possible nominees for these positions, as well as to whether or not you might be called to serve in this capacity.

### **NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

**To be considered for membership on the vestry, or to serve as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention, or representative to Nashua Area Interfaith Council, all nominees:**

- must attend church regularly
- must contribute regularly of time, talents, and/or treasure
- must be a confirmed Communicant in Good Standing
- must be at least 21 years of age

**Nomination forms must be received in the parish office by Monday, December 4.**

At the close of the nominations period, the Nominating Committee will set forth a slate of proposed candidates. The slate will include all nominees from the congregation that desire to serve and meet our stated requirements. At a minimum, the slate will include enough persons to fill the seats available, but may include more, depending on the number of nominations from the congregation. The slate will be presented to the congregation in January. No further nominations will be accepted, except from the floor at the annual meeting.

***Remember that nominees must give permission for their names to be submitted.***

Thank you  
2024 Nominating Committee  
Sue Corman, Senior Warden; Chair  
Kathy Cormier; Vestry  
Jackie Marshall; Vestry

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## POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

**Junior Warden**        The Junior Warden is primarily responsible for the church buildings. Another special function of the junior warden is to serve as an ombudsman for members of the parish, and thus this position is sometimes called the “People’s Warden.”

**Clerk**                The Clerk, together with the Parish Administrator, is responsible for keeping minutes of vestry meetings and parish meetings, for correspondence related to vestry business and for maintaining vestry records.

**Vestry**                Vestry members support the Rector in providing vision and leadership for the parish. They support the life of the church through regular giving, worship, participation, and prayer for the church and its’ mission. They also support church stewardship, planned giving, and fund raising, and choose individuals to serve in various leadership roles and committees as needed.

*The vestry, consisting of wardens and other members, is the legal representative of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its clergy. The vestry members stand ready to serve the congregation as a whole.*

**Diocesan Delegate** – Delegates attend monthly meetings of the Southern Convocation, and the annual Diocesan Convention (usually held in November). Delegates provide a major link between the congregation, the region and the diocese-at-large, and report back to the congregation after the convention. This includes a responsibility to bring back any charge from the convention to the congregation and to interpret actions of the convention for the congregation.

**Alternate Delegates** - All of the above also pertains to alternates, with the exception of speaking and voting at the convention. Alternates should be ready to step in as a delegate at any time. For this reason it is also a good idea, particularly for new alternates, to attend the diocesan convention as an observer.

**Youth Delegate** – Each congregation and gospel-oriented community is entitled to certify one youth delegate, with voice and vote, by October 2, per Canon 1, section 1.3(b) of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of New Hampshire. A youth delegate must be younger than 26 years of age. Being a youth delegate is a wonderful way for a young person in your church to learn about their voice and how parishes and the diocese work together!

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council** - a group of more than 20 partners including religious congregations, representatives of social service groups, and individuals in the community motivated by faith to work for the good of our local community. Meetings are held first Wednesday of every month from September through June from 12:00-1:15 p.m.

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***NOMINATION FORM***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Nominated:              Junior Warden                      Clerk

(circle positions)                                      Vestry

Diocesan Delegate              Alternate Delegate              Youth Delegate

Interfaith Representative

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

**Parish Involvement (Past or Present)**

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**Community Involvement (Past or Present)**

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**Why do you think this nominee would be a good candidate?**

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**Has the proposed candidate consented to the nomination?              Yes              No**

**Nominator (that's you! – please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:**

**(email)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(ph#)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature and date:** \_\_\_\_\_