



## Proposed changes to our Parish Bylaws

The following three amendments are proposed for the Bylaws of St. Andrew's at the Annual meeting on January 20, 2019. This amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote. *Note: Language proposed for elimination is noted by a ~~strike-through~~. New language proposed is denoted by **bold-faced type**.*

It is hereby proposed that the following changes be made to Article IV Annual Meeting:

Section 3. All baptized persons who are:

adherent to the Protestant Episcopal Church;

the age sixteen (16) years or older; and

members of the Parish, for at least six months preceding the Annual Meeting and have

~~contributed to the support of the Parish through pledges, donations, gifts time or~~

~~talents,~~ **been faithful in corporate worship, and have contributed to the support**

**of the Parish through working, praying, and giving,** shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting ("Voting Members").

Rationale:

This amendment will conform closer to The Canons of the Episcopal Church (Title I. Canon 17, Sec. 3).

It is hereby proposed that the following changes be made to Article VI Election of Vestry.

~~A member of the Vestry who has served one full term may not be re-elected until at least one~~

~~year has elapsed after the completion of said term.~~ **No member of the vestry shall be**

**elected to more than two consecutive full terms, nor be re-elected or appointed**

**until one year shall have elapsed following the expiration of the second term. A**

**member of the vestry who is selected to fulfill the un-finished term of a member,**

**may be elected for a full term so long as such member will have served no more**

**than 18 months at the completion of such unfinished term.**

Rationale:

To conform to Section 7(a) of Title II, Diocesan Canon 1: Of Parishes. This also will provide the opportunity for having a greater number of candidates.

## ARTICLE V

### Vestry

Section 1. The Vestry shall consist of nine (9) members, elected in accordance with Article VI of these Bylaws.

Section 2. Qualification for members of the Vestry shall be the same as qualification for Voting Members. (proposed change to be inserted here)

Proposed change

**Family members living in the same household cannot serve on the vestry at the same time.**

Rationale for proposed change: This is a common practice among many parishes in our Mission Area.