

## **Draft Bylaw Revision re: candidates required for election slate**

Our existing bylaws require us, except in the case of a Senior or Junior Warden who is eligible to serve another term, to find two candidates for every open position. This means that each year, as three members of the Vestry complete their terms we need to find six people to run for those three vacated seats. Likewise, we are required to find eight people to run to fill the four Diocesan Convention Deputy seats vacated each year. This has, time and again, proven to be an unrealistic goal.

Members of the Vestry serving the second year of their three-year terms make up the nominating Committee each year and have rarely been able to field a slate of candidates that means this requirement.

In light of this reality, the Vestry is proposing, and asks the parish to vote to adopt, the following change to our bylaws such that the bylaws.

### **Existing bylaw**

- 9.3 The Nominating Committee shall ~~prepare a slate of candidates representing two nominees for each seat and office to be elected, except in the case where an eligible Senior Warden or Junior Warden will be included on the ballot for a second or third one-year term and no other eligible Member is willing to be nominated, in which case the Nominating Committee may present only that one incumbent Warden as a candidate. In instances where a Senior Warden or Junior Warden has completed three consecutive one-year terms, two nominees, neither of which is the incumbent for that office, shall be included on the ballot for that position.~~

### **Draft replacement bylaw**

- 9.3 The Nominating Committee shall *strive to prepare a slate of candidates which includes at least one more candidate than the total number of candidates to be elected for each position. For example, if three positions are to be filled on the Vestry, the slate would include at least four candidates. Similarly, if four Deputies to Diocesan Convention need to be elected, the slate would include at least five candidates. In the case of Senior Warden and Junior Warden, the slate should include at least one candidate. That candidate must receive at least 50% of votes cast to be elected.*