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# The Annual Parish Meeting

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## Supplement

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### Vestry Elections

On Sunday, May 15, our parish family will gather for the annual meeting of the All Souls congregation. Among other business, members will elect a Senior Warden to a two-year term, a Junior Warden to a one-year term, and three general members of the Vestry, to serve three-year terms.

Serving on the Vestry requires a significant commitment of time, talent, and involvement in parish activities. Canon law requires that Vestry members be confirmed members of the Episcopal church. Those wishing to stand for election should look carefully at their professional and personal commitments to ensure that they have the time necessary to meet the requirements of service. The Vestry meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Members also serve on parish committees.

The Vestry, following the policy of the Diocese of Washington and the National Church, has adopted a stewardship statement committing to the goal of a tithe. If you would like to stand for election, or would like to nominate a candidate, please complete a nomination form and put it in the parish administrator's box in the office (or give it to the Senior Warden) by April 10, 2011. Speak with any member of the Vestry to discuss your interest in serving. ♦

*Nancye Suggs, Senior Warden*

### Senior Warden

According to the parish bylaws, "*The Senior Warden shall be the chief lay representative of the Parish and, in the absence of the Rector, shall serve as Chair of the vestry*". In our parish, the Senior Warden is the chair of the Stewardship Committee, which is responsible for the annual pledge cam-

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aign. He or she is also an ex-officio member of various committees, and is the vestry liaison to the parish office.

The Senior Warden must be elected by a majority vote of the congregation present at the annual meeting and will serve a two-year term. No person shall hold the position of warden and general member of the Vestry simultaneously.

### Junior Warden

According to the parish bylaws, "*The Junior Warden shall serve as Chair of the Vestry in the absence of the Rector and Senior Warden, and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Vestry*." In our parish, the Junior Warden is the chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which is responsible for maintaining and preserving the church's properties. He or she is also the Vestry liaison to and/or chair of the Visioning Process, Garden Guild, and All Souls Are Green.

The Junior Warden must be elected by a majority vote of the congregation present at the annual meeting and will serve a two-year term. No person shall hold the position of warden and general member of the Vestry simultaneously.

### General Members of the Vestry

According to the parish bylaws, general members of the Vestry:

- act as election judges at annual meetings;
- manage, control, and direct the property of the parish;
- choose a minister;

- solicit and take subscriptions for and otherwise provide for the expenses of the church;
- appoint a registrar and treasurer;
- provide necessary books and records for the registrar and treasurer;
- establish policy for expenditures on behalf of the parish;
- generally perform such services as are needed for the maintenance of the church other than pastoral care; and
- elect a delegate or delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

### Eligibility to Vote

As our spiritual family prepares for this year's annual meeting on May 15 following the 11 a.m. Mass, we intend to continue our custom of being as inclusive as possible regarding voice and voting eligibility.

Canon law clarifies the often confusing matter of voter eligibility. It specifies that all of those who attend All Souls who are baptized Christians and are on the parish rolls may vote on decisions made at a parish meeting and to elect members of the Vestry. The baptism may have taken place in any denomination. Our parish bylaws establish that any canonically recognized member whose baptism or letter of transfer is recorded in the records 30 days before the date of the annual meeting is an eligible voter.

According to canon law, those who attend All Souls and have come from the Roman Catholic tradition and have not been received into the Episcopal Church must ask the senior warden to be placed on the parish rolls in order to vote. This is because the Roman Catholic Church will not transfer baptismal information to a Protestant church. ♦

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**To be eligible to vote, your name must appear on the Voter Eligibility List,**

This list will be available for inspection in the narthex and undercroft beginning April 3.  
**The deadline for completed information to be included on the Voter Eligibility List is April 17.**

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**All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church**  
*Vestry Candidate Nominations*

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Thank you for considering standing for election as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, or general member of the Vestry.

**Nomination Procedures and Schedule:**

- **Coffee Hour on April 10**  
To nominate a candidate, including yourself, please fill out the form below and give it to the parish office or the Senior Warden by coffee hour on April 10, 2011. After that date, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. A member of the committee will call to confirm that we have received your nomination.
- **May 1 & 8**  
Candidates are encouraged to attend the breakfast and coffee hour to be available to meet with parishioners and answer questions.
- **May 15**  
Annual meeting. All candidates should plan to attend. Vestry candidates will be asked to give a two-minute speech. Senior Warden and Junior Warden candidates may speak for three minutes.

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**2011 Nominating Committee**

- Jim Solomon
- Nancye Suggs

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**Vestry Candidates at this time**

- Dale Lewis for Senior Warden

## *Vestry Candidate Nomination Form*

**All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Standing for (circle one):**      Senior Warden, Junior Warden, general member of the Vestry

**Volunteer Activities at All Souls:**

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Each candidate must write a first-person statement on his or her background, volunteer activities at All Souls, and reasons for wanting to serve as either general member of the Vestry, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden. Please limit your statement to 500 words (or about half a typed page). E-mail it to [allsouls1@aol.com](mailto:allsouls1@aol.com).