

Proposed Revisions to the Trinity Church on the Green Bylaws

1. Definition of Membership

Article II. Members of the Church

Section 1. Any worshipper who attends services at Trinity, and who fulfills the requirements specified by the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut (Canon I, Section 4) ~~works, prays and gives to spread the Kingdom of God~~ may ~~should~~ declare her/himself a member of this church and be so recognized by ~~the Rector or Wardens of~~ Trinity.

2. Roll of Voting Members

Article III. Parish Meetings . . .

Section 5. Roll of Voting Members

1. The Roll will be prepared by the Clerk and presented to the Rector as the Roll of the Annual Meeting.
2. Those eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting or special meetings shall be ~~sixteen years and above in age who have been attending Trinity Church on the Green for not less than six months and contribute to the life of Trinity~~ members of the Parish over age sixteen who fulfill the requirements specified by the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut (Canon I, Section 5). (See **Article II, Section 1**, above.)

3. Vestry Number and Terms

Article IV. The Vestry . . .

Section 2. Number *in toto*, Number per class and Term of office

1. ~~Beginning in 2017 and each year thereafter, four new Vestry members shall be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting.~~ They shall serve for three years, forming the incoming class. At any point in time, there are three Vestry classes, first year (incoming), second year and third year (outgoing). The Vestry, therefore, shall have a total of ~~fourteen members in 2017; thirteen members in 2018, and twelve members in 2019.~~ The term of a Vestry member begins at the time of the Annual Parish Meeting. Lay Delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention and New Haven Deanery Representatives, upon their election at the Annual Meeting of the Parish, shall become *ex-officio* members of the Vestry with voice but no vote (unless they are also members of the Vestry).

4. Filling of Vestry Vacancies

Article IV. The Vestry . . .

Section 7. Filling of Vacancies

1. In the case of any vacancy in the Vestry, ~~the remaining Vestry members by affirmative vote of the majority may elect a successor nominated by the Nominating Committee to hold office until the next Annual Meeting~~ the position will be filled at the next Annual Parish Meeting through the same selection process as outlined in Article III, section 8, above, for full-term Vestry members.

2. The person so elected to the Vestry **to fill this vacancy** shall be eligible for a three-year term upon completion of the partial term, providing the partial term is less than or equal to one year.

5. Description of Team and Committee Organization

Article V. Officers of the Vestry . . .

Section 2. Rector

1. The Rector is the presiding officer of the Vestry. If the Rector is unavailable, the Senior Warden presides.
2. The Rector and any assisting clergy are not voting members of the Vestry.
3. The Rector and Wardens will oversee the activities of the **Ministry Teams, Parish Teams and Committees**.

6. Re-Election of Treasurer

Article V. Officers of the Vestry . . .

Section 4. Treasurer . . .

2. The Treasurer is an elected Officer of the Vestry for a three-year term. S/he would be able to succeed one time for a total of six years of service **and may be re-elected after one year out of office**. The Treasurer is a voting member of the Vestry.

7. Name and Composition of Bylaws Committee

Article VII. Vestry Standing Committees . . .

Section 3. ~~Governance~~ Bylaws Committee

1. The ~~Governance~~ **Bylaws** Committee is minimally composed of three Vestry members, one from each class, **at least one previous Bylaws Committee member, a Warden and the Clerk. The Rector is an ex officio member.** See Appendix 1, below. Other Vestry members may join the committee.
2. The ~~Governance~~ **Bylaws** Committee advises the Vestry in matters regarding the Bylaws, Parish Policy formation and review, parish organizational structure and any other matters as referred to them by the Vestry.
3. The ~~Governance~~ **Bylaws** Committee may form *ad hoc* advisory subcommittees as needed.
4. The ~~Governance~~ **Bylaws** Committee will review the Bylaws every three years.

8. Re-Election of Warden

Article V. Officers of the Vestry . . .

Section 3. Junior and Senior Wardens . . .

4. Wardens ~~may serve only one four-year term~~ **may be re-elected only once for a second four-year term after four years out of office** and are ineligible for Vestry election until out of office for one year.