

## **More Information on Vestry and Diocesan Delegate Service**

If you are interested in serving on the Vestry, or someone is interested in nominating you, perhaps you'd like to know more about what it involves.

The Vestry meets monthly, usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 pm to about 9:00 pm. As the church's governing board, the Vestry discusses everything from the church's financial needs to capital projects to long range planning. Vestry works in partnership with the Rector and other clergy to form a leadership community who together seek to faithfully guide the life of the congregation.

In addition to these monthly meetings, Vestry members are assigned to an additional committee: either as liaison to one of the commissions that helps to coordinate the various ministries of the church or on the Executive Committee, which serves as a council of advice to the Rector and also plans the Vestry agenda.

The Vestry also has an annual weekend retreat in January or February.

Vestry members are elected to terms of three years. Every year, the Nominating Committee works hard to try to make sure that the Vestry is a balanced group that represents the make up of the congregation.

Diocesan Delegates are elected for a year at a time. They are asked to attend four Deanery Meetings per year, which generally take place on a Saturday morning, and in particular, are asked to represent Trinity at the annual Convention of the Diocese of California. The Convention generally meets on the third weekend in October, convening for its first session on Friday afternoon and continuing on Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Grace Cathedral. The Convention is the legislative body of the diocese, and in addition to doing necessary business, the Convention celebrates and highlights the ministry of the diocese and congregations in the Bay Area.