

Grace & Holy Trinity Church
Vestry Election Procedures
Adopted by the Congregation on _____

The following procedures will govern election to the Vestry of Grace & Holy Trinity Church:

1. At each annual meeting the congregation will elect new Vestry members to fill the vacancies created by the end of terms or resignation of Vestry members.
2. The number of positions open each year will be adjusted if necessary to maintain the maximum size Vestry allowed by the diocesan canons.
3. The term of Vestry members will be three years, beginning at the next meeting of the Vestry after their election and ending when their successors take office.
4. A vestry member may not be elected to a consecutive term, except when a Vestry member has been elected to fill an unexpired term. In such cases, a Vestry member will complete the unexpired term and then be eligible for election to a full term, provided that the Vestry member has served less than one and one-half years of the unexpired term.
5. Those nominees receiving the most votes will be elected, without requiring that each receive the number of votes equal to the majority of those voting.
6. Other rules pertaining to the Annual Congregational Meeting and election of Vestry members will be consistent with the diocesan canons and will be adopted by the Vestry and communicated to the congregation.
7. These procedures will remain in effect unless they are changed at an Annual Congregational Meeting. They may be changed by majority vote of the congregation, upon recommendation of the Vestry after notice to the congregation of at least one week.