

#### SECTION 4: VESTRY

(a) **Membership:** The Vestry shall consist of the Rector, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and six (6) to nine (9) other lay persons. The Wardens shall be elected by a majority of the whole Vestry at the first Vestry meeting after least two months before the Annual Meeting of the Parish (in accordance with canonical requirements), so that the Nominating Committee can nominate candidates to replace not only lay vestry members who are completing their terms, but also the remainder of any terms left vacant by those elected as Wardens- Wardens so elected shall take office at the close of the next Annual Parish Meeting. The other lay members of the Vestry shall be elected at the Annual Meeting from among the voting members of the Parish at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(b) **Number:** The number of lay Vestry members may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment of the Bylaws, except that no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Vestry member.

~~(c)~~ **Terms and Vacancies:**

(i) The terms of Wardens shall be for two years and staggered so that one Warden will be elected each year. Wardens will normally serve only one term, but shall not be eligible to serve more than two terms in succession. The Warden whose current length of service as a Warden is the longest shall be the Senior Warden and the Warden elected most recently shall be the Junior Warden.

(ii) The terms of other lay members shall be for three years beginning on the date of their election and staggered so that one-third of their number will be chosen each year at the Annual Meeting. Such members shall be eligible for election as Warden and for re-election to the Vestry, but may not serve more than two three-year Vestry terms in succession.

(iii) A Warden or other lay member of the Vestry may resign by resignation to the Vestry. In the event of a vacancy caused by the resignation or death of a Warden, a majority of the remaining Vestry members shall elect a person who is eligible for election as Warden, to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the Vestry at which the Wardens are normally elected. In the event of a vacancy caused by the resignation or death of any other lay member of the Vestry, a majority of the remaining Vestry members may elect an eligible person, to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting of the Parish. Any person so elected by the Vestry to fill such a vacancy may be re-elected at the Annual Parish Meeting to complete the remainder of the term to which the resigned or deceased member had been originally elected or for an additional full term at the next Annual Meeting.

(iv) Notwithstanding other provisions of these Bylaws, no lay members of the Vestry (including Wardens) shall serve on the Vestry in any capacity for more than six years in succession.

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~~Junior Warden, and nine (9) other lay persons. The Wardens shall be elected by a majority of the whole Vestry at the first Vestry meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Parish (in accordance with canonical requirements). The other lay members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting from among the voting members of the Parish at least eighteen (18) years of age.~~