

Notice of 2025 Vestry & Delegate Nominations

December 15, 2024

Our Annual Meeting will be held after Holy Eucharist on Sunday, January 26.

Vestry Nominations

The vestry is our Parish board. It is responsible for the temporal realities of the parish (such as stewardship of the finances and care of the buildings) and also serves in an advisory role to the priest. At the Annual Meeting, the Vestry terms of two members will conclude: Traci Yazembiak (completing the term of Roz Taulbee) and Nan Gravel. Members with one year remaining will be Josette Adams, Justin Black, & Larry Johnson. Members with two years remaining will be Andrew Hongo, Vickie Looney, & Peter Vargas.

The requirement of Diocesan Canons is that "each congregation shall provide for the rotation in office of the Vestry members, in such manner that at least one new member shall be chosen each year and that no vestry member shall be eligible for immediate reelection." At the upcoming Annual Meeting, **three** members will be added to the Vestry to return to our Vestry to nine lay members.

In order to be nominated to stand for election to Vestry, one must be a confirmed communicant in good standing and must have fulfilled this requirement for at least ninety days prior to election. Vestry members are required to attend as many as two meetings per month (although typically just one) at a customary meeting time determined by that year's Vestry that is convenient for all members.

The nomination period begins today, December 15. We invite parishioners to prayerfully consider whether God might be calling them to nominate anyone who fits the requirements above. In order to make a nomination, please visit saintmatthiasoakdale.com/nomination or complete the applicable portion of the form below and place it in the offering plate.² Once it is determined that the nominee meets all qualifications, they will be asked by Fr John or a Vestry member whether they accept the nomination. The nomination period will close Tuesday, January 7 and, to ensure proper vetting, there will be no nominations accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Those not eligible to be nominated for Vestry this year include those completing a full 3-year term (only Nan Gravel) and the spouses of Vestry members continuing into 2025.

Lay Delegate Nominations

At our Annual Meeting, we will also elect delegates to represent our parish at the next Diocesan Convention, being held in Fresno on a date TBD in October 2025. Saint Matthias will send our clergy to Convention, along with two Lay Delegates, and elect as many as two lay alternates.

Being a delegate is a tremendous responsibility, but also a great opportunity to get to know the Anglican Church and tradition on the Diocesan level. Lay Delegates are required to be communicants in good standing. We invite parishioners to prayerfully consider whether God might be calling them to nominate anyone who fits this requirement. In order to make a nomination, please visit saintmatthiasoakdale.com/nomination or complete the applicable portion of the form below and place it in the offering plate. Once it is determined that the Nominee meets the qualifications, they will be asked by Fr John or the Vestry whether they accept the nomination. The nomination period will close Wednesday, January 3.

Our 2024 lay Delegates were Derick Sturke & Martha Simonton.

¹ "Definition of Communicant in Good Standing: All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing" (San Joaquin Diocesan Canons 2.02.b.3).

² We ask that all parishioners refrain from campaigning for these positions.

Saint Matthias Vestry Nomination

I _____ nominate _____ to stand for election to the parish Vestry at the 2025 Annual Meeting. This nomination is contingent upon the individual meeting all requirements.

Saint Matthias Lay Delegate Nomination

I _____ nominate _____ to stand for election at the 2025 Annual Meeting to become a Lay Delegate representing the parish at the 2025 Diocesan Convention. This nomination is contingent upon the individual meeting all requirements.

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____