

From Truro Anglican Church Bylaws

4.2 Qualifications [SECTION 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS/VESTRY]

Eligibility Criteria. To be elected to the Vestry, an individual must be a confirmed member of the Church in good standing over eighteen (18) years of age and an Eligible Voter (as defined by Section 8.1(b)) under these Bylaws. To serve on the Vestry, an individual shall:

1. Be a mature Christian, not one who has recently come into faith;
2. Worship God regularly in Church;
3. Lead an active prayer life;
4. Know and continue studying the Bible;
5. Tithe to the church or be working toward tithing;
6. Be a cheerful giver of time to the church;
7. Have family relationships that reflect strong Christian commitment;
8. Be a leader within the Church;
9. Bring some skill to the Vestry that would be useful to the Church;
10. Make a commitment to put Vestry service high on the list of personal priorities, and have enough time to be able to serve effectively as a Vestry member;
11. Protect the vision and mission of the Church;
12. Ensure the values of the congregation;
13. Uphold financial integrity;
14. Support the Rector.

Vestry Oath: Every person elected a Vestry member shall attest, by signing a book kept for that purpose, the following declaration and promise:

“I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary for salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ and I do yield my hearty consent to the Fundamental Declarations set forth in Article I of the Constitution, and to the discipline and forms of worship of the Anglican Church in North America. I promise, with God’s help, that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Vestry member of this Congregation to the best of my ability.”