

DELEGATES TO BOSTON HARBOR DEANERY

The job of a Delegate to the Boston Harbor Deanery is to provide a link between the congregation and the regional Deanery by representing the congregation at the regional level, and by reporting back to the congregation on events, actions and decisions that occur.

The Boston Harbor Deanery is similar to a county level organization for the congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. The Diocese describes the deaneries as follows: “The congregations in our diocese are grouped into 12 deaneries whose boundaries are drawn according to natural watersheds, reminding us of our connections with God’s creation and symbolic of the waters of Baptism.”

Meetings of the Deanery Assembly shall be held at least four times in each year. Other meetings shall be at the call of the dean or conveners, as authorized by the Deanery Assembly or as requested by the Bishop.

The Rev. Rita T. Powell, Associate Rector for Liturgy, is the chaplain to these delegates.

Responsibilities:

- Attendance and representation of the parish at Deanery meetings, approximately four times per year.
- Stay up to date (via Deanery mailings) re: pending issues
- Attend special sessions, as necessary.
- All delegates should report back to the congregation as a whole as well as the vestry/mission committee after Convention. This can take place in a forum, annual meeting, vestry meeting, or through the newsletter, blog post, etc.
- Retiring lay delegates should pass on information to the new delegates: ensure that the paperwork is filed with the Diocese to receive official communications; pass on pertinent materials; explain structure, unfamiliar terms and current issues; and introduce new delegates at larger gatherings.

Qualities sought:

- A lay delegate should be someone who can represent the congregation and vote on its behalf on a variety of subjects.
- A member qualified to vote in the parish: “anyone sixteen years of age or older who has been baptized and participates regularly in Trinity Church’s corporate worship. A Member commits herself or himself to serve Christ at Trinity Church through investment of their time, their talents, and an annual pledge of financial support.”

Selection:

Elected at the congregation's annual meeting.

Term:

The term of office is generally two years. We attempt to stagger terms of the two delegates to allow for continuity.