

December 15, 2020

During these pandemic days, the seasons of our parish life have rocketed by us like never before, and now we find ourselves arrived at another – the time of year when we consider nominations for vital lay leadership positions, including Vestry. As ever, we are soliciting all parish members to submit names for consideration – their own, perhaps, or others they sense may be called to help lead. We are eager to have the richest possible list of nominees from which to make these vital choices, so please put your heads and hearts to work on this!

The Nominations Committee, chaired by Barbara Dortch-Okara, will soon begin work on the slate of nominees to be submitted for election at our Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 28. Because of COVID-19 constraints, our 2021 Meeting will be held via Zoom. In the model of our Diocese's successful Zoom Convention last month, we plan to host a series of smaller-group events, in advance of the Meeting, where most discussion will take place.

According to our by-laws, all positions must appear for nomination, even if the parish intends for an office holder to serve a consecutive term. Therefore, this year we seek nominations for seven positions, including:

- Junior Warden: one position, 4-year term
- Vestry: three positions, each for a 4-year term
- Diocesan Delegate: one alternate delegate, 2-year term
- Boston Harbor Deanery: one delegate, 2-year term
- Episcopal City Mission: one delegate, 2-year term

Every year the Nominations Committee works to assemble a slate that reflects the experience, vitality and diversity with which God has blessed Trinity. The process prayerfully considers candidates nominated by parishioners and also those known to us as active in Trinity's various ministries. Not all who raise their hand will be chosen, of course; there are relatively few openings and so many of us! Also, not all potential nominees feel ready to take on the commitment of time and energy that these positions can entail. We offer this caution, in part, to impress on you that **while the deadline to submit names for consideration is Sunday, January 10, 2021**, the sooner submissions are made, the sooner we can consider them, and the sooner prospective candidates can prayerfully ponder an invitation to serve.

To submit a name for consideration, please complete **the Candidate Submission Form for 2021 Positions**. Along with the forms are descriptions of the open positions and qualities sought in candidates, as well as an overall timeline that concludes with the Annual Parish Meeting, when parishioners will vote the Nominating Committee's candidate slate. The proposed slate will be posted no later than Thursday, January 28, 2020, thirty days prior to the election, in accordance with the Parish By-Laws. We welcome you to direct any questions you may have, to nominations@trinitychurchboston.org, and we thank you for your thoughtful consideration.