

December 12, 2019

Dear Trinity Church friends,

Advent greetings and peace to you all!

The seasons of our parish life seem to be rocketing by, 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 think ready to help lead. But this year we are aiming to further underscore this note of welcome: There have been, in past years, relatively few names submitted to the Nominating Committee from the parish at large. It is important to the health of our community that we break that pattern. 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 it!

The Committee, whose chairperson will be announced shortly, will begin work soon on the slate of nominees to be submitted for election at the March 1 Annual Parish Meeting. This year, we seek nominations for seven positions, including:

- **Treasurer:** 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 committee works to assemble a slate that reflects the experience, vitality and diversity with which Trinity is blessed. The process is to prayerfully consider candidate names 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 5, 2020**, the sooner submissions are made, the sooner we can consider them, and the sooner prospective candidates can prayerfully ponder an invitation to serve.

The most helpful way to submit a name for consideration is to fill out the **Candidate Submission Form for 2020 Positions**, available at trinitychurchboston.org/news, and also in hard copy at the Parish House reception area, starting today, Thursday, December 12. Along with the forms are descriptions of the open positions, along with qualities sought in candidates, and an overall timeline that concludes with the Annual Parish

Meeting, when parishioners will vote on the Nominating Committee's candidate slate. The proposed **slate will be posted on Thursday, January 30, 2020**, 30 days prior to our Sunday March 1, 2020 Annual Parish Meeting and Election, in accordance with the Parish Bylaws.

We welcome you directing names for consideration, along with any questions, to Nominations@trinitychurchboston.org

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of candidates, and for taking the time to offer your nominations!

In faith and gratitude,

The Rev. Morgan Allen
Rector

Mark Morrow
Senior Warden

Jill Sousa Norton
Junior Warden