

THE MISSION OF CHRIST CHURCH

(Adopted by the Vestry in February of 1994)

Christ Church is part of the Body of Christ where the Word of God is taught, heard and lived, and which provides a welcoming place of worship for all people, ministers to the needs and aspirations of its congregation, and extends Christian outreach to the community and the world.

VESTRY COMMITMENTS

Our Episcopal Church is passing through challenging times and will likely be doing so for some time to come. There is much that is beyond our control, but there are commitments we as a Vestry can make to support the ongoing life and ministry of our parish. We believe that as we make our church and its programs responsive to the needs of our parishioners, we can thrive. Listed below are commitments that the Vestry pledges are underlying principles that will guide our decisions and actions. Each new Vestry will review the commitments and advise the congregation of any changes to these commitments. It shall be the responsibility of the Senior Warden and Rector to ensure that the communication of this assessment occurs at each annual meeting. These are our commitments.

We will work to ensure that:

- We will be committed to providing for the needs of all our parishioners, including our children and youth, in fellowship, worship, pastoral care and education.
- We will maintain our identity as an inclusive parish that values diversity. We welcome and embrace all persons.
- We will follow the richness and tradition of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the 2003 Book of Occasional Services, consistent with the spirit of the covenant we have with our current Rector.
- We will remain a member in good standing of the Episcopal Church.
- We are committed to nurturing a strong spirit of stewardship among our parishioners.
- We will listen carefully and prayerfully to the thoughts and opinions of all of our parishioners through the use of comprehensive surveys and assessment methodologies.
- We will support our mission to the community and be committed to outreach and service to those who need our help.
- We are committed to growth by meeting the needs of our parish and we will make plans to manage that growth that are responsible, well-thought-out and consistent with the values of our parishioners.
- We will respect the rich heritage and tradition of Christ Church.
- We will remain financially strong and ensure that our facilities are properly preserved and cared for.
- We will ensure that our employees— clergy and staff— are treated with respect and that they are appropriately compensated.
- We will work to keep Christ Church a sacred, welcoming and dynamic place in the heart of the city.

VESTRY PRAYER

O God of wisdom and lover of souls, who led the early church to you through the acts of the apostles, grant us as the Vestry of Christ Church wisdom, strength and courage to guide and lead our congregation to do our work to your glory, being thankful to all who have gone before and mindful of those who are in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.