

# Article V, Sections 3 & 4 of the By-laws

The following is a printing of Article V, Sections 3 & 4 of the By-laws pertaining to the nomination and election of Vestry members. Complete copies of the By-laws are available in the office for those who would like to see them.

**Section 3. Nomination:** Any eligible confirmed member of the Parish in good standing may be nominated providing that the person has completed the nominating process outlined as follows. In addition to meeting the minimum requirements outlined in Article V, Section 1, those who feel called by God to Spiritual leadership and desire to offer themselves for election to the Vestry of The Church of the Cross shall have completed the Christian Leadership Training Program and made the commitments included therein. They shall have signed the “Confession of Faith for Ministry at The Church of the Cross”. They shall also provide a photograph and the written answers to the following questions: (1) What is your personal relationship with Jesus Christ and how is this relationship reflected in your life? (2) Why do you feel called to be on the Vestry of The Church of the Cross? (3) What has been your most significant ministry to this congregation in the current year? What might it be in the following year? (4) What has been your most significant ministry to the community at large in the current year? What might it be in the following year? (5) What is your understanding of the tithe and how does it apply to your personal stewardship? (6) How often are each of the following a part of your life: prayer, Scripture study, worship attendance and participation in Christian education activities? (7) What Spiritual gifts would you bring to the Vestry if elected? (8) What vision do you have of The Church of the Cross three years from now when your Vestry term would expire? The Vestry will then prayerfully consider those who have offered themselves for leadership and distribute the answers received from qualified communicants along with a photo of each person to the Parish family at least two weeks prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. This process constitutes the nominating process; nominations will not be accepted in any other manner.

**Section 4. Election:** Members to the Vestry shall be elected at the annual meeting by ballot for the required number of names needed to fill the Vestry vacancies from among the list of nominees previously published. If there are more than the number of nominees required to fill the Vestry vacancies, the election shall always be by written ballot and the vote necessary for election shall be a majority of the votes cast.