



## Good Shepherd E-News Extra (1 October 2017)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio, is a diverse, welcoming, growing congregation, committed to seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

**This morning we forgot to make two important announcements, so here they are.**

### Upcoming Church Trip

We're looking for no more than 8 parishioners who want to go to Mérida, Mexico for four days in January (Jan. 10-15) on a bridge building, relationship strengthening visit with our friends at St Luke's Episcopal Church there. If you feel so called, please let David Burton or Mother Deborah know no later than Saturday, October 8.

As you may remember this is a trip during which we have been invited to stay with families from St Luke's, to deepen our bonds of friendship, and to share in their remarkable journey in establishing a permanent Episcopal church in Mérida. We'll not build houses or churches but rather friendships. See pictures of St. Luke's new building (they moved on Pentecost, and there are pictures of Carolyn King with Fr. José and another of Carolyn and Crystal) on their Facebook page: St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Mérida.

### Nominating Committee Slate:

Another announcement I think we forgot is that it is nominating time for new vestry members and the officers. At this point all positions are up for grabs -- three vestry members and potentially Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and lay delegates to Convention. The Nominating Committee consists of departing Vestry members Ted Foster, Lynn Graham, and Lois Wagner plus Mother Deborah. You may be hearing from these folks, but in the meantime if you are interested in any of these opportunities for yourself, or have suggestions, any one of us would like to hear from you.

Ted Foster

For your information below is relevant information as outlined in the Church's Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE III - Terms of Office; Wardens and Vestry Members

The Vestry of the parish shall consist of a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, and nine (9) other members plus a college representative. The Wardens shall be elected to a term of one (1) year. After serving three (3) consecutive terms, they are ineligible for re-election to office for the period of one (1) year.

The Vestry members, exclusive of the college representative, who will serve a renewable one-year term, shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. Three (3) Vestry members shall be elected at each annual congregational meeting. Vestry members may not succeed themselves but become eligible for re-election at the expiration of one (1) year.....

#### ARTICLE IV - Nominations

The nominating committee for Vestry members and Wardens shall consist of the three (3) retiring Vestry members and the rector. The rector shall appoint one member as chairperson. Nominations shall be made one (1) month prior to the annual congregational meeting and posted within the church. Additional nominations, with consent of the nominee, shall be allowed from the floor of the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE V - Elections

The Nominating Committee will present a full slate of officers as outlined in Article IV, and voting will proceed by the members present at the Annual Meeting, with separate ballots if necessary. ...

The Senior and Junior Wardens shall be named lay delegates to diocesan convention by virtue of their respective offices. Two (2) additional lay delegates and two (2) alternate delegates to diocesan convention shall be elected at each annual congregational meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI - Qualifications of Officers and Voters

Any baptized person who is eligible to vote may be elected to and may serve on the Vestry of the parish of which he or she is a member. To be eligible to serve as a Warden, one must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and a member in good standing. A majority of the members of the Vestry must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. ....

#### ARTICLE VIII - Administration of the Vestry

The Secretary of the Vestry and the Treasurer of the parish shall be elected for administrative purposes by the congregation at the annual meeting and at the first meeting of the Vestry following the annual congregational meeting, the treasurer and secretary selected by the parish shall be ratified by the Vestry to conform and comply with diocesan canons. The secretary must be a duly elected member of the Vestry; the treasurer need not be a member of the vestry and shall be elected to his or her office each year. If not an elected member of the Vestry, the treasurer shall have voice but no vote in Vestry meetings....