



*St. Michael and All Angels*

*Cambridge Junction, Michigan*

**Vestry Candidate Commitment Form**

**Vestry Criteria and Covenant for Nomination**

1. The Vestry candidate must be a communicant in good standing—"one who is faithful in corporate worship, and in working, praying and giving for the spread of the kingdom of God".
2. The Vestry candidate should not be closely related to another Vestry member, clergy or lay staff person.
3. Each candidate should be a Christian believing in the Inspired Word of God and in the Sacramental life of the Church, in the ministries of lay and ordained best described as servant ministry, and demonstrating this in personal, family and daily life.
4. The Vestry candidate should recognize this as a commitment to service not a position of honor, status or reward for previous service.
5. The Vestry candidate should have an understanding of the stewardship of time, talent and treasure, being one who tithes or working toward some plan of proportional giving.
6. A vestry person should be able to discuss sensitive and sometimes stressful issues with a spirit of unity for the congregation, maintaining care and love for each other, and always understanding the need for confidentiality.
7. A Vestry member should seek to be faithful in attendance at all parish functions, Sunday and midweek services, vestry meetings and retreats.
8. If personal circumstances should change significantly, it is understood that the vestry person should feel free to offer resignation without embarrassment or stigma.
9. The Vestry candidate agrees to attend and complete the EDOMI Sexual Conduct & Racism classes offered by the Diocese within the first year of becoming a Vestry member.
10. The Vestry candidate agrees to consider attending the EDOMI Safeguarding Gods Children class offered by the Diocese within the first year of becoming a vestry member.
11. The Vestry candidate has read and understands the current By-Laws and Policies of the church and agrees to abide by these governing rules & policies if elected to the vestry.
12. The Vestry candidate agrees to fill a three (3) year term, unless filling a vacant vestry seat.

Realizing that nomination does not necessarily mean automatic election to the vestry, I offer myself freely to God's service.

Signature of nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* *A Copy of this form must be kept in the church files.*

**Approved By the Vestry on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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