

Positions for Election

Every annual meeting includes positions open for election. You may be asked to prayerfully consider putting your name forward for one of the positions to be elected. To that end, here is a brief synopsis of the duties and time requirements of each position. If you have further questions, or would like to offer your name for consideration for any of these positions, please speak to one of the current Wardens. Importantly, people standing for election as a council member or warden must be able to work with email, and connect to virtual meetings via Zoom.

Parish Council Member: Parish council is the body of parishioners elected to oversee the everyday activity of the parish. Parish council makes decisions on behalf of the parish regarding the running of the parish, and the nature of the ministry. All baptized members of the parish, 16 years or older, are eligible to be on Parish Council. In addition to attendance at Parish Council meetings, members are responsible for leading the announcements at the 10:00 AM service on a rotating basis. Parish council is a great way exercise ministry and leadership within the parish. Parish Council also runs the Welcome Back BBQ and Ice-Cream Sunday.

Time Requirement: Parish Council members are elected for a 2-year commitment. Council meetings take place after the 10:00 AM service on the 2nd Sunday of the month and lasts for approximately 90 minutes, plus time required to connect monthly with various parish ministries. Currently the Parish council meets via Zoom.

People's Warden and Assistant Warden: The PW and AW positions are elected every year. These two individuals make up one half of the 'The Corporation' – which is the legal body responsible for the running of the parish. The Wardens help ensure that ministry is done smoothly and properly. They are also signing authorities over the financial matters of the parish. In addition to monthly parish council meetings, the PW and AW also meet with the Rector and the Rector's Warden once a month to address matters to be discussed at the upcoming parish council meeting. The PW and AW are the persons parishioners can go to when they have a comment, or concern, about ministry at Holy Cross.

Time Requirement: Monthly Council and 'Corporation' meetings. Currently, Corporation meetings occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 1:00 PM. Currently the corporation meets via Zoom. While the PW and AW are elected every year, it is hoped that they will serve in the role for 2 or 3 years at a time.

Synod Delegates: Synod delegates are required to attend the sitting of Diocesan Synod if one is called during that year. Delegates will receive the package of all reports and motions of the Synod and are asked to familiarize themselves with the material before the opening session. Synod delegates vote on all motions. In voting, they vote their own conscience and are not required to represent parish ethos or vote in line with parish leadership. The diocese of Calgary holds Diocesan Synods approximately every three years. Synods run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, and are held in Calgary

Time Requirement: One weekend, if a synod is called, plus time necessary to read provided material.