

# The Word

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## *Thoughts on the Vestry: Part III*

Dear Friends,

In this final and third part, I want to share what I see as the Ministry Description of a Vestry Member. By no means is this list complete, and some items are intentionally left undefined. I have come to understand that Ministry Descriptions must be flexible because that is what one needs to do ministry in the church. It is also one of the reasons that we call it a Ministry Description rather than a Job Description. There are differences between the two. First, in ministry, there needs to be room for the Holy Spirit, so we leave some space for adaptation and flexibility. Second, ministry is a calling from God and primarily about matters of the soul. So what follows is a Ministry Description that should not be equated with a Job Description. Nevertheless, I hope it provides the congregation with a better understanding of what the role of a Vestry person is and what a Vestry person does.

### **Ministry Description of a Vestry Member**

#### *Purpose*

Provide leadership to the congregation and support the Rector

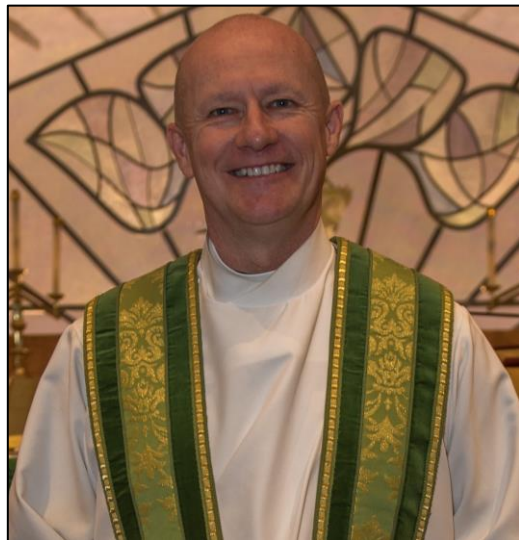
Further the mission\* of the church and help implement the vision\*\* of the church

Provide oversight and direction to various church committees and ministries. Each Vestry member is a Liaison to at least one committee or ministry.

Empower others in their ministries

#### *Responsible to:*

Congregation, one another, ourselves, the Rector, and Jesus.



#### *Specific Practices:*

Participate in spiritual life/prayer life of the church

Attend church weekly and special services

Monthly meetings are the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Communication with the congregation—get the word out!

Attend church events and programs as often as possible

Participation on committees

Support clergy and other leaders in their ministries

Be engaged in new learning about the church and faith

#### *Desired result:*

Ministries and administration be in good working order

Church growing and expanding

Sense of deepening church's community

Learn more about self, church, and faith

*Time Commitment:*

1 ½ hour meeting each month plus participation in church activities  
Special meetings as necessary  
Attendance at Vestry Mutual Ministry  
Review and retreats  
Participate in as many special events and church programs as possible  
Church commitment is greater than other “activities”

*Skills Talents Qualifications:*

Follower of Jesus  
Must be a pledging member of the church and committed to proportional giving. (Although the bylaws do not require a person to be pledging and committed to proportional giving, in my opinion it should be the minimum standard.)  
Friendly and open-minded  
Willingness to work as a team  
Willingness to welcome new members to the community  
Willingness to learn new ways of thinking and to try new methods

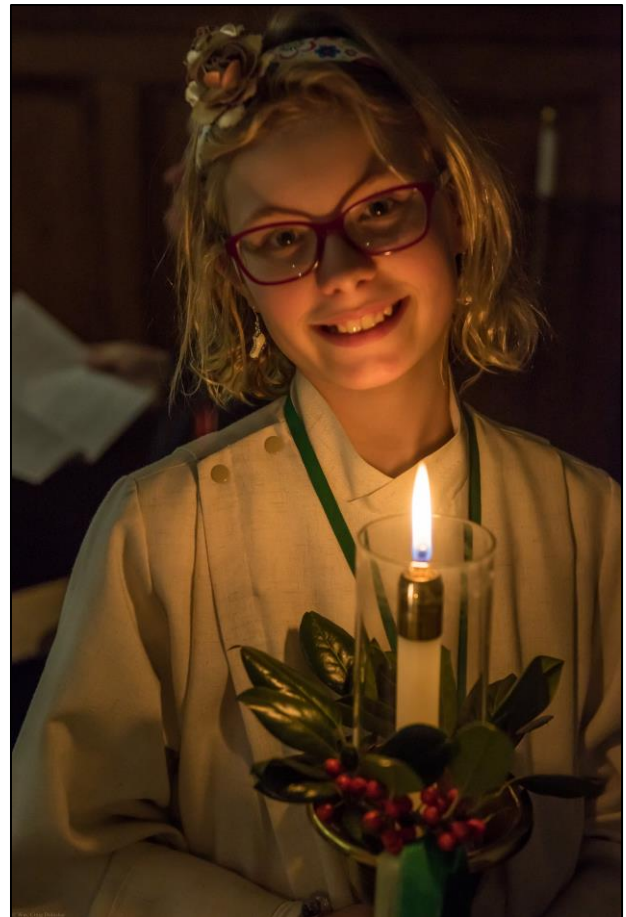
\*The mission of St. Timothy’s: As people of God, we joyfully worship God, spread the word of God’s love, treasure all people, and serve others everywhere in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, with God’s help, we: open our doors to everyone, open our hearts in worship, open our eyes to the Spirit’s gifts, and open our arms to embrace God’s work.

\*\*The vision of St. Timothy’s is not currently articulated.

Blessings,



Fr. Rich



*Acolyte Katie Wright bears her torch before the evening service on Christmas Eve.*

## *The Closet*

Did you make a resolution to volunteer more in 2019? If you did, please consider volunteering at The Closet, a faith-based nonprofit thrift shop in Herndon that annually gives away nearly \$50,000 in clothing and necessities to social service agency-referred clients. Here are just a few reasons volunteers say they enjoy giving their time to the Closet:

- I love meeting ALL the members of our community.
- To represent my church, give back to my community, and meet new friends. It is a wonderful place to volunteer.
- There is a sense of family among staff, volunteers, and clients.
- Great quality and bargains.
- It's fun.

Volunteers from St. Timothy include Tricia Mussante, Catherine Nkomba, Marie Lally, Helen Guest, Elaine Horsfield, and Holly Hartge. Join the fun! Contact St. Timothy's Closet Volunteer Coordinator, Holly Hartge (703-318-8292 or [mhhvirginia@verizon.net](mailto:mhhvirginia@verizon.net)), or contact The Closet (703-437-7652 or [TheClosetInc@verizon.net](mailto:TheClosetInc@verizon.net)).

Volunteer opportunities are not limited to your congregation's assigned dates. High School students can receive volunteer hours for school or other extracurricular credit. Since The Closet is open Monday and Thursday evenings, there are volunteer opportunities for them in addition to Saturday.



## *Year End LINK News*

Thanks to everyone who supported the recent LINK food drive. St. Timothy's surpassed our goal of collecting 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food during the October Stuff-a-Truck event. The contributions of the St. Timothy's Preschool and Holy Trinity Parish added to the bounty. Your compassion for our LINK neighbors is greatly appreciated.

LINK donors and volunteers also contributed to successful Holiday Food Programs in November and December. LINK provided a weeks' worth of groceries, coats and four toys per child to 1,781 families (9000+ individuals). Without the commitment of many donors and volunteers in the community it would not be possible to serve all those who were blessed by your generosity. Thank you for living your faith and serving your neighbors.

The mission of LINK continues into January with the ongoing need for volunteers and donations. Volunteers are needed to deliver food 5 days/week, 52 weeks/year. Other volunteer opportunities include: food transport from local schools and grocery stores; assistance with unloading and sorting monthly donations from A Simple Gesture; and, distributing food to clients during the monthly mobile food pantry. To learn more about how you can volunteer please visit the Sign Up Genius link [www.signupgenius.com/tabs/93d7fdc03aec92-food](http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/93d7fdc03aec92-food) or the LINK website, [www.linkagainsthunger.org](http://www.linkagainsthunger.org) and click the SignUp Genius button at the bottom of the page.

For more information about LINK please contact Shon Beury, [shonbeury@aol.com](mailto:shonbeury@aol.com). Thank you for *putting your faith to work* to serve our community.



*LINK volunteers assisting with the Holiday Program*

# 150 YEARS

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Continues in 2019

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration kick-off on All Saints' Day in November 2018 was a tremendous success. The renovated Tracker Organ was rededicated followed by a beautiful and moving concert by Dr. Wayne Wold. The Rev. Ralph Bayfield, former rector, and The Rev. Richard Fichter, grandson of Rev. Lloyd Bell who also is a former rector, shared inspiring and humorous remarks. The service of Evensong was followed by a bountiful reception and animated fellowship with guests and parishioners, both past and present.

The New Year brings more 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events beginning with an Open House and historical presentation at the former St. Timothy's church on the corner of Grace and Elden streets. The Open House will be held on February 10 at 11:30 am. Barbara Glakas of the Herndon Historical Society will give a brief presentation as well as Ann Crocker, author of *A History of the Original Church Building, Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 1881 – 1969*. All parishioners are welcome. Please look for additional details in upcoming bulletins and eNews.

information about anniversary events will be published throughout the year in the Word and weekly bulletins.



*The Rev. Richard Fichter, Jr., holds a picture of his grandparents, The Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Bell, standing outside the original St. Timothy's Church on Elden Street. Photograph by Paige Williamson.*



*Elaine Horsfield stands before her display poster on St. Timothy's James D. Moore Tracker Pipe Organ. Photograph by Paige Williamson.*

Future anniversary events include: recognition of weddings held at St. Timothy's; a parish wide international meal to celebrate the diversity of our congregation and, creation of a time capsule to record recent St. Timothy's history. More

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### **Service Times:**

Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite 1

9:00 am Children's Eucharist

10:00 am Rite II service with Holy Communion

Godly Play ages 3-2nd grade

SPARK+, 3rd-5th grade

Christian Ed

Nursery Care

Wednesday: 12:15 pm, Eucharist and Healing Service

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## ***Welcome New Members***

### ***December***

Robert Huizar—Confirmation

Timothy Allen—Reception

Maximino John Talastas—Baptism

Please be aware that there are MANY active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years that are not registered members. Our goal is to aid the transfer of all congregants interested in being registered members of St. Timothy's.

**Non-registered congregants can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded the more delegates we can send to the conventions, giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters.**

If we don't have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org) or send the information to [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org).

To transfer your membership to St. Tim's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley ([nikki.omalley@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.omalley@gmail.com)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: [www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf)

## **Submission Deadline for the next issue:**

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

**Submit to Susy Nixon at**

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*Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*