# Vestry Applicants - Questions

* Return your thoughtful responses to the questions below, along with a headshot photo, to the church office or by email to contact@stmartininthefields.org. Your deadline is Wednesday, January 9, 2019.
* Elections will be at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019.
* Nominees from the floor of our annual meeting will be asked the same questions and will speak at a microphone.
1. What personal initiative, energy, passions, or entrepreneurial spirit will you bring to our church and its Vestry? Please describe and give examples.
2. What is your capacity for vision and change as our Vestry imagines our parish future together?
3. How do you see a church like ours embracing and living into the changing cultural landscape for Christians?
4. What personal and professional qualities not identified above will allow you to manage the temporal matters of our church?
5. How are you actively, today, involved in the ministries of St. Martin-in-the-Fields?

(over for general information)

# Vestry Applicants – General Information

Nominees are committing to serve our congregation in a leadership capacity. The Vestry works to ensure our parish ministry is carried out in accordance with our parish values, mission, goals, and priorities, and according to the [constitution and canons of our diocese](https://episcopaldiocesefortworth.org/committees/constitution-canons/).

According to [diocesan canon title IV.7](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B__tS0Vji5qSbTRySFlOenJ0VXNlcUlTOGQzTlZQdHBfalFN/view), a Vestry nominee must:

* be a confirmed communicant in good standing of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, confirmed or received by a bishop in The Episcopal Church
* be at least 18 years old by the date of the annual parish meeting on January 27, 2019
* have made financial contributions in 2018 that are shown on the records of our parish.

Also according to [diocesan canon title IV.7](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B__tS0Vji5qSbTRySFlOenJ0VXNlcUlTOGQzTlZQdHBfalFN/view), if a Vestry nominee has served two consecutive terms, they may not be eligible for election to the Vestry until a full year has elapsed, unless filling a Vestry vacancy of fewer than two years. A Vestry member is elected to serve a three-year term.

Anyone elected to the Vestry will need [Safe Church Training and a background check](https://episcopaldiocesefortworth.org/resources/safe-church-training-and-resources/) in accordance with the Safe Church Policy of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

If you'd like more information about serving on our Vestry, contact a member of our nominating committee:

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(Over for questions and instructions)