

Ministries of All Saints Anglican Church

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Parish Life*

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful: Sanctify this congregation by your abiding presence. Bless those who minister to holy things. Enliven the minds of your people more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Bring erring souls to the knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ; and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast to the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted, and renew them in body and soul. Guard those who are strong and prosperous from forgetting you. Increase in us your many gifts of grace, and make us all fruitful in good works. This we ask, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son we worship and glorify, one God, world without end. *Amen BCP p649*

Lay Opportunities to Serve:

Assistant Treasurers – Lay teams (of at least two people) who count and prepare the Sunday offering to be posted and deposited by the treasurer. This is a ministry that requires considerable confidentiality.

Building and Grounds – Lay members of the congregation who work closely with the Junior Warden to maintain and care for the grounds and buildings in manner that make them holy and acceptable to our Lord for His purposes.

Hospitality – Lay teams who set up and clear fellowship following Sunday services and other special occasions. This is an important ministry to the fellowship of the congregation.

New Member Committee – This committee is integral in welcoming visitors to ASAC and facilitating their integration into parish life. The first point of contact is in the Narthex on Sundays. The new member committee

also works with ASAC staff to conduct newcomer meetings that welcome visitors to our family and provides information on parish life.

Public Relations – A group of laity who coordinate and supervise advertising to the overall PTC community events in the parish such as Lessons and Carols, Holy Week schedule and Christmas schedule.

Vestry – The vestry is the legal representatives of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to the corporate property. The number of members vary in parishes according to the by-laws. Members of the vestry are elected in annual meetings and serve for three year terms. You must be a confirmed Christian to be considered for election. The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission in word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.*

Garden of All Souls – ASAC has been blessed with a beautiful interment garden in which the cremains of parishioner are placed or interred. The committee is responsible for upkeep of the garden, working with the sexton facilitating the opening and closing necessary for interment and the appropriate naming of the space or vessel.

*Armentrout and Slocumb (1999). *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*. New York:Church Publishing.