

# A CALL TO SERVE

People of St. John's ...

All who call St. John's their spiritual home have an opportunity - and a responsibility - to discern what role they might play in the days ahead as we continue on our path of transition. There has never been a better time to put your gifts to work in the service of God in this place, and there are many ways to get involved.

We are looking for men and women with the qualities needed to play a part in making our transition efforts successful. Do you or someone you know have these qualities?

- Faithful membership in St. John's, including an intentional effort to grow in faith through regular worship attendance and involvement in and support of the ministries of SJP
- Good listening skills
- An open mind
- An ability to maintain confidentiality
- Emotional maturity and a willingness to "speak the truth in love" even when encountering conflict

## **The first opportunity to consider is becoming a member of the vestry:**

The vestry is the nine-member governing board of the church, working with Pastor Dana to lead and manage the parish. Each vestry member serves a three-year term.

At our annual meeting in January we will elect three new vestry members. Right now we are asking members of St. John's to prayerfully consider whether they are interested in learning more about this opportunity for themselves, or whether they know of a fellow parishioner they feel might be well-suited to serve.

## **Additional transition opportunities:**

Soon after the identification of vestry candidates, we will begin to form teams to focus on specific tasks related to the transition. The same qualities listed above are needed for success in these additional roles.

## *Learn more by attending the following:*

**Sunday, November 26 and December 3 from 9:15-9:45am, "Discernment 101" (How do I know if God is calling me to serve and what do I do about it?). Bring any and all questions. This forum will be led by Pastor Dana.**

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Please use the space below to list any name(s) to be considered for vestry and/or transition team opportunities. This does not oblige anyone to serve; it is merely a tool to begin a conversation about serving. Tear off this section and place it in the suggestion box in the narthex or email your suggestions to [sjpsuggestions@gmail.com](mailto:sjpsuggestions@gmail.com).

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Please provide your name (it will not be shared with those you have suggested)

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