

## **Holy Trinity's Vestry Covenant**

Recognizing that Holy Scripture will be our authority in governing our behavior and relationships with one another and with the congregation, I agree to the following covenant.

### **To carry out my duties with respect, integrity, and professionalism, I will:**

- create a safe and open atmosphere in which all Vestry members can feel comfortable and confident in expressing their thoughts and concerns;
- be aware of different working styles of Vestry members and appreciating the unique talents and varying viewpoints of Vestry members;
- refuse to listen to gossip about any member of the congregation, especially parish leaders;
- insist that people who have concerns or issues with a church leader raise them in the presence of that individual;
- confront with love those individuals who have hurt me in some way and practicing forgiveness;
- recognize that certain discussions are of a confidential nature and thus maintain and respect that confidentiality; and
- nurture a servant attitude in that the Vestry's role is that of serving both God and His church;

### **To seek God's will by striving for unity in all matters, I will:**

- join with the entire Vestry in submitting significant matters to prayer;
- uphold the final decision of the Vestry even though you may disagree;
- refrain from all discussions and conversations that are divisive or otherwise not constructive and carried out with kindness;
- consciously seek to abandon personal agendas; and
- recognize that all Vestry members are striving for the best for Holy Trinity.

### **To be an example by striving to faithfully serve, I will:**

- attend worship services and parish activities;
- pledge; and
- adhere to Holy Trinity's mission.

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