

Ministry Opportunities at St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener Lay Representative to Synod

At St. John's, our various ministries support our intention to be a faithful and thriving community.

Connecting individuals and ministries is an act of mutual discernment – you may wonder which ministry is the best fit for you at this time, and the community may recognize gifts in you and encourage you to share them as we seek to be a thriving community.

The community also has some expectations for ministries. Knowing these expectations can help you and the community discern which ministry makes sense for you at this time. Some ministries also include a trial time to assist further with this discernment.

How does this ministry contribute to living as a faithful and thriving community and your life of discipleship?

Each Anglican parish is part of a wider church community. We do not stand alone. Lay representatives to synod are an important liaison between the parish and the wider church community.

What gifts and skills are helpful for this role?

- Communicant member of the Anglican Church of Canada of at least one year's standing of the full age of 16 years
- A member of vestry and other qualities described in the Parish Council Member ministry description
- Interest in the ministries and issues of the wider church

What to expect:

- Lay representatives to synod are elected or appointed at the annual Vestry meeting for a one-year term.
- Are expected to attend monthly parish council meetings, deanery council meetings, and the annual diocesan synod and the occasional extra synod.
- Will be provided with an orientation to their role.

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Responsibilities

- Be an active member of Parish Council, including telephoning parishioners several times a year.
- Participate in deanery council meetings (see Canon 31 re purposes of Deanery Council)
- Prepare for the annual synod
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- Foster a sense of belonging between our and congregation and the deanery and diocese and
- Stay informed of diocesan and deanery issues and ministries

Accountability: To the Vestry