

## **Ministry Opportunities at St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener Deputy Churchwarden**

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 have a trial time to assist further in this discernment.

### **How does this ministry contribute to a thriving community and your life of discipleship?**

From its earliest beginnings the role of administration was considered essential for building up and maintaining the Body of Christ. For example, in the letter to the church at Corinth we read, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12: 27-28

In the Diocese of Huron, the Deputy Churchwardens assist the Churchwardens to fulfill their duties.

### **What gifts and skills are helpful for this role?**

- Commitment to the vision and ministry of the church
- Integrity, leadership skills, trustworthiness
- Initiative, flexibility, resilience, ability to maintain confidentiality
- Communication and relational skills
- Familiarity with the community and a commitment to its long-term stability, growth and development
- Administration, including finances, human resources, and building upkeep

### **What to expect:**

- Deputy Churchwardens are elected or appointed at the annual vestry meeting for a one-year term.
- See the Churchwarden Ministry Description for duties for which the Churchwardens may require assistance.
- Deputy Churchwardens are also expected to attend Deanery Council.

### **Accountability:**

- See Churchwarden Ministry Description

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