

## **Ministry Opportunities at St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener 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 Churchwardens function as a corporation to represent the interests of the Parish for which they are so elected or appointed, for example, they sign all deeds and documents required to be signed on behalf of the corporation.

The Wardens work closely with the Rector, and under the Rector's guidance, help to set the tone and direction of the parish.

### **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:**

Churchwardens oversee and are responsible for the effective stewardship of all physical and financial assets entrusted to the Parish and have general responsibility for all matters relating to the Parish that are not expressly the responsibility of the Bishop or the Incumbent.

Churchwardens, along with Deputy Churchwardens also:

- Are available for building emergencies (e.g., alarms, damages)
- Open and close the building for Sunday worship and week-day events
- Welcome newcomers and assist in their integration into the community by offering information and connecting them with others
- For a complete description of the responsibilities of the Churchwarden please speak to Preston

**Accountability:**

- To the Vestry and Parish Council (accounts of their actions, reports on finances and viability of the Parish)
- To the Diocese (financial reports)

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