

Senior Warden Updates Kristy Callihan Vestry Bylaws (*edits and additions*)

As a Vestry, we recently conducted an extensive review of the Vestry Bylaws which were approved in 2007 and amended in 2018. Our primary goal of this review was to add technology verbiage since we are “doing church in a new way” through ZOOM, Facebook Live, and Vimeo. The below recommendations are Vestry edited and endorsed. With the extensive review, we also made several edits to tighten sentence structure (remove extraneous words) but not change the meaning. These can be found in Articles I, II, V, VI and VIII. On another note, we are proposing six significant additions to the by-laws. Below is an executive summary for parish review.

ARTICLE I - NAME: Added “St Michael’s Episcopal Church” as the church name.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP: Voting members must be an adult (16 years of age or older) of the

church with regular participation and in good standing as a regular contributor.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS - Quorum and Voting: Removed “written proxy

votes may be cast by any qualified member of the church,” and replaced with “Qualified members may now vote by postal mail or electronic as long as the vote arrives prior to the annual meeting.”

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS – Clerk and Treasurer: Meeting reports shall be posted on the website or upon request. The financial report submitted to each regular meeting of the Vestry shall also be submitted to the Annual Meeting with a presentation on the overall financial status of the church.

ARTICLE IX – ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: The term of committee membership shall be three years with a recommendation of staggered terms.

ARTICLE IX – ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Section 6: Removed section titled “Tithe to Colorado Episcopal Foundation” as this is not longer functioning in this capacity as per the diocesan website.

ARTICLE X – COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE: Added: The creation, purpose, and membership of the committee has been added to the parish bylaws, with a copy of the committee bylaws attached to the parish bylaws.

If you would like to see the 13 page document in its entirety, and/or if you have any feedback on the above edits, please email Kristy Callihan, Senior Warden, at kmcallihan@gmail.com before Jan. 5, 2021. We will vote for the approval of these edits in the January 24, 2021 Annual Meeting. Thank you for your eagle eyes and your feedback!