

## **Commissioning of Parish Vestry Members, Officers and Diocesan Convention Delegates**

*Those elected to exercise various ministries of leadership in the congregation unmute if they are on Zoom.*

*Presider* On behalf of the congregation of St. James, I present the following recently elected officers, vestry members, and delegates, as well as those continuing to serve in these positions:

Brian Garland, Senior Warden, Ron Belair, Jr. Warden, Nancy Roff, Clerk of the Vestry, Neal Robinson, Treasurer, Janice Rheaume and Jenny Ogelby, Assistant Treasurers, Jeannie Pizii, Pledge Recorder, and Sue Brown, Assistant Pledge Recorder.

Sandy joins Vestry Members Linda Chaisson, Frances Huessy, Paula Morgan and Jenny Ogelby, who continue their terms.

Linda Chaisson, Nancy Roff, and Lindsey Huddle, will represent us as Diocesan Convention Delegates and Frances Huessy, Jeanette Racine, and Neal Robinson as Alternate Diocesan Convention Delegates.

*Presider* Have these leaders been elected or appointed by the congregation in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of our church?

*Wardens* They have.

*Presider* Do you all, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been elected?

*Leaders* I do.

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

*Leaders* I do.

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your commitment to be faithful in worship, resist evil, proclaim the Good News in Christ, seek and serve Christ in others, and strive for justice and peace in all ways appropriate through these elected positions?

*Leaders* I do.

*Presider* Do you affirm your intention to engage in this ministry with your sisters and brothers in Christ in a respectful, honorable and Christ-focused manner, being open to the movement of the Spirit?

*Leaders* I do.

*The Congregation will now all unmute*

*Presider* (to the congregation) Will you do all in your power to support these people who are exercising leadership in our midst with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this parish and the wider church?

*Congregation* **We will.**

*Presider* In the name of this congregation and the wider church I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the realm of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**