

Immanuel Anglican Church

Vestry Candidates

January 26, 2025



Vestry Elections

NOTES

Immanuel's Vestry has three openings on the ballot this year. The candidates will be elected by the congregation to serve for three-year terms each.

This year there are three candidates. The bylaws direct that the election will be affirmed via ballot at the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025. Following the ballot count, the new vestry members will be announced. They will be commissioned, and the members rolling of the vestry will be decommissioned during the next Sunday service on February 2.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6



John Sova

Member of Immanuel Anglican Church since 2011.

Are you confirmed or willing to be confirmed or received into the Anglican Church: I am confirmed.

List the ministries you have served in over the last three years: Fellowship.

Tell us about your personal walk with Jesus Christ.

Tell us what you would like Immanuel to look like three years from now. What steps need to be taken to get us there? Help Immanuel to reach out.

What do you want to accomplish as a member of Immanuel Vestry? Help Immanuel grow.



Jerry Fitzsimmons

Member of Immanuel Anglican Church since 2024.

Are you confirmed or willing to be confirmed or received into the Anglican Church: I am confirmed.

List the ministries you have served in over the last three years: New member; recently joined the Lay Eucharistic Ministry. Experience at previous (Anglican) church with Alpha, LEM, homeless ministries and vestry service.

Tell us about your personal walk with Jesus Christ: I had a surprise encounter with the Holy Spirit while preparing for my youngest son's baptism in 2005, and I gave my life to Christ at that time and haven't looked back. I've had fantastic mentoring, attended Foundations and other bible studies and participated in numerous small groups that have helped me grow spiritually.

Tell us what you would like Immanuel to look like three years from now. What steps need to be taken to get us there? Right now, I'm still getting my footing. I am very proud and honored to be part of this church and I look forward to being a part of Immanuel as it continues to grow.

What do you want to accomplish as a member of Immanuel Vestry? I believe that one of my spiritual gifts is to listen quietly and observe, with an eye toward ways to improve. In my career I have learned that there are always ways to work smarter and I hope to be part of that process here at Immanuel.



Vickie Morse

Member of Immanuel Anglican Church since 2001

Are you confirmed or willing to be confirmed or received into the Anglican Church: I am confirmed.

List the ministries you have served in over the last three years: Prayer ministry, Choir, Fellowship, Home Communion.

Tell us about your personal walk with Jesus Christ: As I choose to let go and let God's plans for me unfold, serving the family of Immanuel as a vestry member was not my vision. But as God often does, He has other plans. My walk with Him started as a very young child with a sickly grandfather, who knew the Lord well. He instilled in me that Jesus was always present, next to me, and if I could not feel or see Him (with spiritual eyes) it was because I was looking in the wrong direction and needed to turn back. I was raised in Tremont Baptist Church in Pasadena and at eleven years old took the long walk to the altar to make my adult decision to follow Christ. There was no pressure from friends, no encouragement from parents. The Holy Spirit just carried me down to that altar. I was marked as His. There were many twists and turns. There was much fear and doubt, but one thing remains, I am a flawed human being, in need of a Savior. When I met Bill, my husband, he was Roman Catholic, and his brother was a priest. Remember in those days, Catholics thought they were the only ones going to heaven and Baptists thought only the protestants would be there. But I knew how to spell "Jesus" and they did too. So, I converted to Catholicism. After a few years it was evident that I needed to worship in a Holy Spirit filled environment and Bill needed Liturgy. God brought us to the

Episcopal Church as a compromise and later to the Anglican Church. Immanuel has been my spiritual home since 2001. You are my family, and I will serve you anyway God directs.

Tell us what you would like Immanuel to look like three years from now. What steps need to be taken to get us there? I have no personal agenda for Immanuel. I want God to direct our steps. Prayer being our first step.

What do you want to accomplish as a member of Immanuel Vestry? God's will.