
The Annual Parish Meeting and Pledge Ingathering are This Sunday!

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Whatever service you usually attend, and whoever you are, please join us this Sunday, December 7, at 10 a.m., in Child Hall, for the Annual Parish Meeting of the Cathedral of St. Philip!

At this meeting, all members, all associate members, friends, and visitors, gather together for common celebration and rejoicing. We will meet in Child Hall this year, during the regular Education Hour.

As usual, we will hear reports from myself, and several parish leaders, at this meeting. Our treasurer, Rob Adams, will review our budget and financial position.

We will also vote on the slate of Chapter nominees. Our Nominating Committee has worked faithfully and efficiently to present a slate of six nominees for the Chapter Class of 2017 and one nominee for Junior Warden 2015-2016. Please see pages 4 and 5 for their biographies. The Cathedral is blessed with many excellent parishioners who are willing to serve this parish! As usual, that meant that the Nominating Committee had to leave some very fine persons off the final list.

We will distribute the Annual Report, with its complete review of the 2014 year. **Join us on Sunday morning to hear more – including a special surprise announcement! I guarantee you it will be one you will rejoice over!**

No adult classes will meet during the Annual Parish Meeting, but classes for children and youth are scheduled as usual. And, we will follow our morning schedule of worship services in the Cathedral and Mikell Chapel, with a special addition. During our morning services, we will once again form a fantastic Offertory procession with our pledge cards, which you should have received in the last several weeks. Bring your cards to church, and then walk to the altar following the usual procession of bread, wine, and Sunday offerings.

Once again, we will develop an Episcopal Church altar call! Your pledges of financial support for the 2015 year are critical to God's work here; and to the grace, excellence, and hospitality this parish displays. The promise of this and every year's stewardship campaign is that our collective effort is greater than our individual contributions. When you walk forward with your card, you are making a special offering, and I believe God will always honor that gift, no matter what size. Large or small, we all have the opportunity to provide something back to God. Of course, if you cannot make your actual pledge on that day, we will provide special cards you can use, on which you can indicate your intention to make a future pledge.

Blessings and grace to all who participate in the mission and ministry of this beautiful and sacred place. This year, more than ever, the world needs the Cathedral of St. Philip! And we are responding!

