

St. Margaret's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

In advance of the annual meeting, four changes to the St. Margaret's Parish bylaws are here presented for the members' consideration. The proposed changes are intended to provide internal consistency and accurate information. Please read and consider them before the annual meeting, at which they will be taken up.

In Article I, Section 3, change "Parish Secretary" to "Secretary of the Vestry" in order to match the term used in portions of the bylaws referenced in Article I:

Any person who is a Member and Communicant of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and whose name is recorded in the membership books kept by the **Secretary of the Vestry** ~~Parish Secretary~~ pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of these Bylaws shall be a Member of St. Margaret's Parish.

In Article III, Section 5, change "Parish" to "office of Rector" to correct a longstanding typographical error:

If the **office of Rector** ~~Parish~~ is vacant, the Bishop, if present, shall preside.

In Article IV, Section 3, change "Appendix B to the Canons of the Diocese, entitled *Guidelines for Clergy Contracts*" to "diocesan guidelines" in both instances to provide the relevant reference.

In addition to the matters enumerated above, the matters specified in **diocesan guidelines** ~~Appendix B to the Canons of this Diocese, entitled *Guidelines for Clergy Contracts*~~, shall, at the request of either the Vestry or the Clergy, be jointly discussed and considered for inclusion in the call. If an understanding be reached between the Vestry and the Clergy on any of the subjects specified in **diocesan guidelines** ~~Appendix B~~, the understanding shall be included in the written call.

In Article, VI, Section 3(k), update the governmental structure of the District of Columbia to reflect the Home Rule Act of 1973, which eliminated Commissioners:

File before March 1 of each year with the **District of Columbia government** ~~Commissioners of the District of Columbia~~ a report showing the purposes for which the tax-exempt property of the Church was used during the preceding year.

