

Candidates for Vestry Election

The Vestry of an Episcopal Church or mission has three primary responsibilities. The first two are managerial: to take care of the Parish's finances and community property. The third responsibility is to choose individuals to fill various positions of parish leadership and representation: the election of a rector, the choice of delegates to the diocesan convention, and the selection of other individuals as the diocesan canons and parish by-laws may stipulate.

Question: What do you believe are your God-given gifts and talents which will enhance this all important ministry?

"Communication," "community" and "communion" share common linguistic roots of meaning: sharing, coming together as one.

God made me a "word person" and something of an extravert. I am grateful for these gifts that enable me to hear, tell, share, create and come together in all kinds of stories with all kinds of people. I stand willing, however imperfectly, to use my God-given gifts to contribute to St. Patrick's unfolding temporal and spiritual story with other uniquely gifted vestry members and fellow parishioners, through careful words and caring friendship, joyful laughter and prayerful consideration of all perspectives in my thoughts, words and deeds.

NAME: John Stennis Syme

OCCUPATION: Senior Writer, Davidson College

NUMBER OF YEARS AT SAINT PATRICK'S: 5

FAMILY INFORMATION: Father Samuel (Myrtle Beach), mother Margaret Womble (DeKalb, Mississippi) and sister Jane Kenna and her family (Atlanta) have all enjoyed visiting St. Patrick's!

SERVICE IN THE SAINT PATRICK'S COMMUNITY: Green Team, Youth Leader, Vestry Member, Room in the Inn overnight host, Lector, Coffee Hour....