

Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

Leading in Council

*The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ...
But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.
- Ephesians 4:11-13,15-16*

In addition to the myriad good works to which we're each called in our daily lives, some among us are also called to the periodic exercise of leadership within and on behalf of the larger Body. Since the very beginning, the Church has depended upon the creative and competent leadership from certain of her members to assist in the Spirit's work of calling forth and organizing our diverse gifts and passions for the sake of God's work in the world. In order to be effective partners with God, it's important that we be absolutely clear about the nature of God's work in the world, about the manifestations of that work in our own time and place, and about the unique gifts, passions, and resources of the present community gathered by God here at Saint Mark's.

All this to say, effective leadership in the Church today requires the ability to hold God's larger vision for the world alongside our own clear assessment of who God needs us to be today, here and now. It requires long-term commitment and short-term creativity – the ability to discern that which must be let go and that which must be taken up. It requires the capacity to see, to invite, to equip, to organize, and to honor the abundance of gifts God has given us – the ability to recruit and to align, to set goals and to strategize, to measure progress and assure accountability, to celebrate and to give thanks.

If this sounds like work you may enjoy and be good at, please review the summary below and reach out to your identified leaders today!

In addition to fulfilling our basic Non-profit corporate and canonical responsibilities, Saint Mark's Council Members:

1. Hold and communicate Saint Mark's vision and mission;
2. Identify and align resources and program to fulfill Saint Mark's vision and mission; and
3. Coordinate and communicate efforts across various spheres of Saint Mark's life and ministry.

Mindful of these responsibilities, Saint Mark's Council seeks individuals who:

1. Demonstrate a prayerful and discerning commitment to helping Saint Mark's join God's mission in the world;
2. Demonstrate the ability to inspire, equip, organize, and mentor the work of others;
3. Demonstrate the ability to work both independently and collaboratively, to be project-based and outcome-focused, and to communicate clearly and proactively; and
4. Demonstrate the ability to fulfill long-term commitments through short-term challenges.