

Vestry Orientation

February 7, 2026

9 a.m.

Parish House

Attending:

Father Tim Carr, Rector

Jeff Grimes, Treasurer

Bill Hickman, Clerk

Jamie Alvarado-Taylor

Jacqueline Aris

Jeff Lin

Mohit Mathew

Seth Oldmixon

Joe Richardson

Augusta Ridley

Michael Sparks

Jill Weaver

Absent:

Anne Scott, Senior Warden

Melinda Adams, Junior Warden

Tiffany Violante, CES Board Chair

The orientation started at 9 a.m. with each person giving some highlights about their background so that members of the vestry could get to know each other. This was followed by all members participating in an opening prayer. Then Fr. Tim administered the swearing in of the oath of office to all members of the vestry who were present. Those present also signed the vestry book.

Next, there was a discussion of which vestry members would serve as liaisons to which ministries within the church. The results of that discussion were as follows:

Welcoming Ministry – Michael Sparks

Adult Education – Seth Oldmixon  
Worship Committee – Anne Scott  
Finance Committee – Jeff Grimes  
Children’s Education – Jamie Alvarado-Taylor  
Youth Ministry – Jill Weaver  
Environmental Ministry – Joe Richardson  
Buildings and Grounds – Melinda Adams  
Pastoral Care – Augusta Ridley  
Stewardship Committee – Mohit Mathew  
Christ Episcopal School – Joe Richardson & Augusta Ridley  
Fellowship/Hospitality – Jacqueline Aris  
Communications – Jeff Lin

It was also decided that there would be a special committee to develop plans around the potential illegal intrusion onto the church campus by Federal officials without judicial warrants. The members of that committee will be Fr. Tim, Jamie Alvarado-Taylor, Joe Richardson, and Bill Hickman.

A discussion of right and wrong in today’s world ensued.

We then discussed some of the parameters involved in thinking about planning for the year 2026:

- We are leaving the \$159,000 that is allowed to be withdrawn from the endowment fund in the Diocesan Investment Fund to get a better return than would be the case in our operating fund’s banking account.
- We are planning to tear down the Hillstrom House, which is only an expense and not a useful piece of property.
- We expect to attract more people to Christ Episcopal Church in June when Fr. Angel arrives. He brings his own talents plus he can help free up some of Fr. Tim’s time.
- We don’t have the funds currently to purchase a new heating system, but we think that with the new air conditioning system being installed this spring, the worst of our HVAC problems will be behind us for the near future.

Vestry members were asked to email Fr. Tim over the next few days with their suggested 2026 goal statements as their vision for what should be accomplished this year.

The orientation session was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman, Clerk

**Minutes approved unanimously at vestry meeting on February 24, 2026.**

**Bill Hickman, Clerk**