

# **Vestry Promise**

## **A promise and commitment from your Vestry**

### **Commitment to our fellow members and visitors to St. Benedict**

- We promise to maintain our status as members in good standing in this church and community.
- We will be ever mindful of how much Episcopal traditions advantage the world and enrich the soul and personally commit to spreading that knowledge.
- We promise to leave the church's affairs better than we found them.
- We promise to actively listen to your thoughts, concerns and suggestions on how to make St. Benedict a thriving community that lives up to its potential to be the hands of Christ in Lacey.
- We promise to live our Baptismal Covenant *with* you as equals and not assume our office affords any status other than as temporary stewards.

### **Commitment to each other**

We promise to work with one another in fellowship and cooperation to the best interests of our church. We do so by observing the following habits of thought and deed:

#### **Respect**

- By listening
- By promptness and attendance
- Keeping confidentiality

#### **Accepting the mantle of leadership**

- Taking personal responsibility for the church's resources
- Taking personal responsibility for the welfare of its parishioners
- Supporting consensus

#### **Being good stewards of the St. Benedict tradition of word and work**

- Consistently volunteering for difficult work and difficult decisions.
- Safeguarding all of God's children against pain, fear and injustice.
- Being the spokesperson and example for our faith in any forum we find ourselves in.

### **Commitment to the Diocese**

- We promise to abide by the Constitution and Canons adopted by the Diocese of Olympia

- We promise to behave as brothers and sisters in Christ to articulate and exemplify the word of our church and our faith to the community.
- We promise to leave St. Benedict church better than we found it.
- We promise to actively participate with the Diocesan community of churches in our collective ministries as articulated by our Bishop.