

# Church of Our Saviour Vestry Motion

## Charter for Search Committee for a Permanent Rector

Whereas Church of Our Saviour has recently bid farewell to our long-serving rector and welcomed an Interim Rector for the coming year, we now embark on a national search to call a Permanent Rector who embodies the qualities befitting our vibrant church community, renowned for its rich worship experience, pastoral care, spiritual development for all ages, service to community, and stewardship. We acknowledge the need for a Permanent Rector who will embrace and fulfill all canonical responsibilities as a means to enhance the role our church plays for our Parishioners and for our extended community in the City of Chicago.

Therefore, on this first day of February 2024, let it be resolved that the Vestry affirms and charters the creation of the Permanent Rector Search Committee with the goal of recommending by majority vote a Permanent Rector Candidate for consideration by the Vestry. The Search Committee will commence February 4, 2024, and end twelve (12) months hence.

With the support and encouragement of the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, and particularly with the guidance of Sierra Reyes, Canon for Ministry, appointed by Bishop Clark for times of transition, we gratefully acknowledge the acceptance of Kris Gleason and Rebecca Elfring-Roberts, to take the role of Co-Chair of the Search Committee. Both long-standing and highly respected members of our parish, we recognize the importance of their role in leading this crucial endeavor.

The Co-Chairs will invite up to six (6) additional parishioners who are communicants in good standing to assist in this effort. These should come from a broad range of parishioners representing various ages, backgrounds, and tenure with the church. The Co-Chairs of the Search Committee will maintain open lines of communication with the Vestry and Wardens, keeping the Vestry informed of their needs and progress. No more than two (2) members of the Search Committee, including Co-Chairs, may also be members of the Vestry. The Wardens are excluded from being members of the Search Committee by tradition. All members will be recorded with the Vestry by the Co-Chairs, and all recorded members will be required to register a vote for a quorum to exist.

The Search Committee will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of COS, and we entrust them with this sacred task, guided by faith and a deep commitment to our church and its missions. May our collective efforts be blessed with wisdom, discernment, and a spirit of unity as we seek a permanent Rector to lead Church of Our Saviour into its next chapter.