

BY-LAWS OF TRINITY CHURCH
Moorestown, New Jersey

Incorporated in 1837
Adopted January 10, 1963
Revised January 18 and October 31, 1982; January 19, 1986; January 17, 1988; January 28,
2018; and January 26, 2022.

ARTICLE I NAME

1. The Corporation shall be called “The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in Moorestown.”

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership shall consist of all regular communicants of the Parish entitled to vote in accordance with the provisions of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND VESTRY

1. The officers of the Corporation shall be the Rector, two Wardens, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Vestry shall be composed of the Rector, both Wardens, and nine Vestrymembers.
2. The Rector shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry and of the Parish. If there be no Rector, the Vestry shall elect one of the Wardens as presiding officer.
3. Following each Annual Meeting, the Vestry shall meet to elect a Secretary from among the Vestrymembers, a Treasurer, and a Chancellor, each for a one-year term. The Vestry may also elect one or more Assistant Secretaries and/or Assistant Treasurers, with such duties as it may determine, to serve at its pleasure.
4. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the meetings of the Parish and of the Vestry and perform such other duties as appropriate to the office.
5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies due the Corporation, including pledges, gifts, and contributions; make such disbursements as are authorized by the Vestry; and render an annual report of all receipts and disbursements to the Vestry and the membership of the Parish, as well as such reports as the Vestry may at other times direct.

6. The Chancellor shall be a person licensed to practice law and shall provide advice and counsel to the Corporation on its legal affairs.
7. The Vestrymembers shall be nine lay persons, three to be elected each year at the Annual Meeting in rotation, each of whom shall be elected for a term of three years. No person shall serve as a Vestrymember for more than two consecutive three-year terms, except that any time filling a vacancy shall not limit any person's eligibility to serve consecutive terms as provided herein.
8. A Warden shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting in rotation for a term of two years. No person shall be a Warden for more than three consecutive two-year terms, except that any time filling a vacancy shall not limit any person's eligibility to serve consecutive terms as provided herein.
9. If any Vestrymember or Warden resigns or is unable to complete a term to which elected, the Vestry shall elect a successor to serve until the next Annual Meeting, at which a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

1. The Vestry may create and dissolve commissions and committees as necessary to accomplish the mission of the Parish.
2. The Rector, or, in case of a vacancy, the duly elected Warden, shall appoint Chairs and at least one Vestrymember for each commission or committee.
3. Each commission or committee shall hold sufficient meetings in order to accomplish its tasks, communicate regularly with the Rector or Wardens, and render an annual report to the Vestry and to the membership of the Parish at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Annual Meeting of the Parish shall be held on the last Sunday in January, notice of which shall be given in accordance with the provisions of Section 16:12-10 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey.
2. A committee to nominate candidates for election at the Annual Meeting shall be appointed by the Rector, with the consent of the Vestry, at least 45 days prior to the Meeting. It shall consist of three or more members of the Parish in good standing whose

names shall be published and who shall receive recommendations of candidates from any member of the Parish eligible to vote at an annual meeting. The committee shall make nominations from those recommended, having determined both their eligibility and their willingness to serve.

3. The Episcopal Church in Convention has affirmed the Biblical tithe as the standard for Christian giving. It is expected that all candidates for election will affirm this standard and use it to guide their personal giving.
4. At the Annual Meeting, the eligible voters shall elect, by a majority of votes cast, a Warden to serve for a two-year term; three Vestrymembers, each for a term of three years; three deputies and three alternate deputies to the Diocesan Convention, each for a term of one year; and six representatives to the Burlington Convocation, each for a term of one year. The ballot shall distinguish between candidates for full terms and candidates to fill unexpired terms, if any.
5. Other elections appropriate to the life and mission of the Parish may also be conducted at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

1. Meetings of the Vestry shall generally be held in person at Trinity Episcopal Church, or at another reasonably convenient location specified by the Rector. For a meeting with an in-person quorum, arrangements may be made, at the discretion of the Rector, for one or more Vestrymembers to participate and vote by telephone or other electronic means, as specified by the Rector, subject to any limitations established in rules adopted by the Vestry to govern such participation.
2. If prevailing circumstances would make an in-person meeting unsafe or impractical, then any meeting of the Vestry may be conducted entirely by telephone or other electronic means at the discretion of the Rector, in consultation with the Wardens, and in the manner specified by the Rector, upon reasonable notice. Such telephone or electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Vestry to govern such meetings.
3. In the event that a meeting of the Vestry is called by the Wardens or by a majority of the members of the Vestry, as provided by Section 16:12-8 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, the

references to “Rector” in Article VI, Sections 1 and 2, shall refer instead to the persons calling the meeting.

4. Meetings of the Parish, including the Annual Meeting and any special meetings, shall generally be held in person at Trinity Episcopal Church, or at another reasonably convenient location specified by the Rector. At the discretion of the Rector, in consultation with the Wardens, arrangements may be made for one or more members of the Parish to participate and vote by telephone or other electronic means, as specified by the Rector, at an otherwise in-person meeting, subject to any limitations established in rules adopted by the Vestry to govern such participation.
5. If prevailing circumstances would make an in-person meeting unsafe or impractical, then any meeting of the Parish, including the Annual Meeting and any special meeting, may be conducted entirely by telephone or other electronic means at the discretion of the Rector, in consultation with the Wardens, and in the manner specified by the Rector, upon reasonable notice. Such telephone or electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Vestry to govern such meetings.
6. In the Rector’s absence, or if no Rector is settled in the Parish, both as contemplated under Section 16:12-10 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, the references to “Rector” in Article VI, Sections 4 and 5, shall refer instead to the Wardens.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting or special meeting of the Parish called for that purpose as provided in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE

1. These By-Laws shall take effect on January 26, 2022, unless disapproved by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of New Jersey.