

**Motion for Annual Meeting on January 24, 2010 to  
Delegate Authority to Vestry to Elect New Rector**

**Motion: That the Parish of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Newton Lower Falls, MA, in accordance with Article VII of its By-Laws (dated 2002) authorizes the Vestry of St. Mary's to elect the new rector on behalf of the Parish.**

The following are the relevant excerpts from St. Mary's By-Laws (2002) and the Diocesan Canons (2007).

*St. Mary's By-Laws, Article VII "The Rector":*

The Rector shall be elected by the Parish at a meeting duly called for that purpose, or by the Vestry or a special committee if so authorized by the Parish. Such election shall not take place, however, until after all the steps required in Section 1 of Diocesan Canon 15 have been taken. No person shall be eligible to the office of Rector unless such person is a qualified ordained minister of the Episcopal church, and has been certified by the Bishop to be in good standing. The Rector shall have jurisdiction of the spiritual affairs of the Parish and supervise and direct the Parish staff

*CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
2007 - Canon 15 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CLERGY, Section 1:*

Sec. 1. Parish Clergy No election or appointment of a rector or any other minister to any parish shall be had until the name of the candidate has been made known to the Bishop, if there be one, or to the Ecclesiastical Authority serving in the place of the Bishop, and sufficient time, not exceeding thirty days, has been given to him or her to communicate with the vestry, in the case of an election or with the rector in the case of an appointment, nor, in the case of an election, until such communication, if made within that period, has been considered by the parish or vestry at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose.