

# The Church of St. John the Evangelist

## Parish Health Council

### Terms of Reference

#### Mission

As people of faith, our purpose is to nourish, sustain, and support the health of the people of this parish and its community.

#### Objectives

- To assess the health needs within the Parish on a continuing basis
- To offer assistance to the members of the Parish and to look at issues of health or illness through counseling, visitation, or educational seminars within the context of our faith.
- To ensure confidentiality of personal information.
- To provide a liaison between members of our Parish and community health care services.
- To provide support to the Parish Nurse in her/his designated duties.
- To complement but not duplicate existing health care services.
- To evaluate all services provided through the Health Council.

#### Accountability

- The Health Council is accountable to the Parish Council. An Annual Report will be submitted to Vestry.
- A copy of the meeting minutes will be submitted to the Rector, Church Wardens & Deputy Wardens and the administrative office on a monthly basis.

## Membership

- Parish Nurse
- Representative of Parish Council
- Representative of Clergy
- Representative of Parish Visitors
- Youth Representative
- Senior Representative
- Parish Members with experience in health and social services
- Members at large

There will be a maximum of 12 members.

Fifty per cent of membership will constitute a quorum.

### **Activities which we facilitate to work towards our mission:**

- Parish Virtual Walk and Meditations
- Health Presentations
- Health Topics Survey
- Laying On of Hands Ministry
- Meditation Prayer Group
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- CPR Courses
- Requiem Services

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