

Preamble to the Charter of the Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church Music Committee:

WHEREAS: “It shall be the duty of every Member of the Clergy to see that music is used as an offering for the glory of God and as a help to the people in their worship in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer and as authorized by the rubrics or by the General Convention of this Church. To this end the Members of the Clergy shall have final authority in the administration of matters pertaining to music. In fulfilling this responsibility the Members of the Clergy shall seek assistance from persons skilled in music. Together they shall see that music is appropriate to the context in which it is used.” (Title II, Canon 5, Of the Music of the Church, Canons of the General Convention, ECUSA 2003)

WHEREAS: “It shall be the duty of a parish Vestry *** to make proper provision for sacred music, subject to the control of the Rector ****”. (Canon XVIII, The Canons of the Diocese of Southern Virginia)

Charter of the Music Committee for Eastern Shore Chapel

In keeping with the preamble, the purposes of the Music Committee for Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church (ESC) shall be:

1. To assist the Rector and Vestry in providing support for the ESC Music Program, including the ESC choir, and the ESC Director of Music.
2. To assist the Director of Music, Rector and Vestry of ESC in making proper provision for sacred music for the parish.
3. To promote ESC and its Music Program and, with approval of the Director of Music, seek and recommend to the Vestry ways of attracting and keeping new members of ESC through the ESC Music Program. In this regard, the Committee should assist in coordinating efforts of the Music Program to support ministries of ESC such as Christian Education, Pastoral Care, Outreach and others.
4. To serve ESC in any other matters concerning the ESC Music Program as directed by the Director of Music and Rector.

The committee membership should consist of a wide spectrum of the congregation. There will be nine regular members, each with a term of 2 years. Three members will rotate off the committee each year after their two-year term has been completed. The Committee, with the approval of the Director of Music, will recommend replacement members to the Rector for consideration. In addition to the other 9 members, the Director of Music and Assistant Organist will be ex officio members of the committee. The Rector will appoint the chairperson.

Approved by Vestry at February 2006 Vestry Meeting