

Glossary/Acronym Guide

Canon Law	The Legal, operating rules of TEC and all of its members
Cure	The spiritual charge of a parish, or the parish itself, formerly called the Cure of Souls
Diocese	A territory of church administration under the pastoral oversight of a bishop; for example, The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
Elector	Person of legal age who is a communicant of record and has been a giver of record for at least six months. Electors are allowed to vote in Parish elections.
Interim Rector	Priest appointed by the Bishop during a Parish's process of calling a new Rector.
Mission	A local church that is not formally designated as a Parish, with a Vicar as Priest-in-Charge, and that accepts aid from the Diocese for operation
Parish	A local congregation in union with the Diocese
Rector	A full-time priest elected by a Vestry with the Bishop's approval and who is responsible for the spiritual jurisdiction of the Parish.
TEC	The Episcopal Church
Vestry	The Board of Directors of a TEC Parish such as St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Carmichael
Vicar	A priest appointed by the Bishop, for responsibility for a Mission
Warden	Vestry member selected for specific duties defined by canon law