



*the Episcopal Church
in Wyoming*



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Applying for: Diocesan Council (3 year term)

A brief summary of current and past volunteer positions within the church?

I serve as chair of the Hearts to Hands Ministry at St. Mark's. We distribute diapers and laundromat vouchers to those in need. I also serve as St. Mark's as a worship leader, usher, vestry member, substitute acolyte, snow-shoveler, and dishwasher.

No one has ever asked me to be a church photographer. Evidence supporting this wise decision is attached below.

I am currently serving as Diocesan Treasurer.

What do you want to accomplish in this leadership role?

I would like to see more local control over resources dedicated to building the Episcopal Church in Wyoming. To me, this means designating more of our collective wealth into a strategic initiative to look preserve not just the physical buildings of our churches, but their operability as well. I believe the best way to do that is by giving all churches some means to operate as they see fit under our Canons.

I also believe it is vital we continue the interim work we have already begun so we are ready to discern who will the next Bishop to walk the path of Christ with us.

If you have served on other boards, what is your greatest accomplishment and greatest disappointment?

I am proud of how the Diocesan Council has responded to the voluntary deposition of our former Bishop. The work Council members did to pick up the slack inspired me to take on a greater role on that board than only having a voice as the treasurer.

Years ago a person close to a non-profit I served at was grievously assaulted by an

off-duty civil servant. It was disappointing he was not prosecuted for more than a misdemeanor given the severity of the injuries he inflicted on an innocent man.

How do you invite God's Presence? When is God most present to you in your work?

I try to practice a morning prayer and meditation routine. I worship regularly. I try to engage the world with an open mind and joyful heart. I feast and mourn with fellow believers. seek out the counsel of wise members of our diocese whose faith I admire.