



*The Episcopal Church
in Wyoming*



Name: Gary Hartman
Church: St. Christopher's in Cheyenne
Applying for: Standing Committee (3 year term)

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

Senior Warden at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Basin for 1 term, Senior Warden at St. Christopher's in Cheyenne for 2 terms.

Foundation Board for 6 years and Grant's Committee Chair for 5 years.

Leadership role in establishing Veterans talking to Veterans for veteran suicide prevention grant at St. Christopher's.

What do you want to accomplish in this leadership role?

It is my desire to assist the Episcopal Church of Wyoming during this transition period by helping to provide stability and continuity by bringing my leadership abilities gained from serving as a District Court judge in Wyoming for 25 years. I am aware that there are important issues to be resolved both with the Dioceses and the Foundation, and I have developed problem-solving and dispute-resolution abilities as a judge and mediator. I believe that I can work closely with other Standing Committee members, the Diocesan Council and the Foundation Board to assist in solving these and other issues.

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

I have served as the Judge Advocate for the Department of Wyoming American Legion for 11 years. I served on the Wyoming Children's Law Foundation for 6 years. I served on Governor Freudental's staff as a Senior Policy Advisor as well as Governor Mead's staff in the same capacity for 8 years. I believe that my greatest accomplishment was the establishment of a workplace safety task force in the oil and gas industry, which addressed and reduced the number of workplace fatalities in the oil and gas industry as well as the Wyoming Refinery Industry. My greatest failure was my inability to address and make changes to our outdated juvenile justice system in Wyoming.

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

I had a falling out with God when I was 10 years old as He took my Dad away. I thought that I needed my Dad more than He did. Gradually I was able to overcome that and I came to realize that He was in my presence daily even though I might have been unaware. I ask God every day, after giving Him thanks, for His guidance and strength to walk with me in my daily journey, I know that it was not me who accomplished these things in my life but it was all God's doing for which I am so grateful. God is present in my daily life as I try to do the task He has given me to do.