



The Episcopal Church  
in Wyoming



**Name:** Mary Appel  
**Church:** Holy Trinity, Gillette  
**Applying for:** Standing Committee (3 year term)

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

I have spent the last 6 years serving on the Diocesan Council as a regional representative. At Holy Trinity, I have taught Sunday School, served as the Treasurer, and a vestry member for 2 terms. I am a worship leader and also lector at least once per month.

**What do you want to accomplish in this leadership role?**

As we approach a time of transition in The Episcopal Church, as well as continue the time of transition within our own diocese, we need to utilize our many gifts to strengthen our community. The Standing Committee has worked closely with the Diocesan Council in the last year to navigate many challenges together. My 6-year tenure on the Council under the leadership of two different Bishops has allowed me to have a much broader perspective of our diocese. As a thoughtful, prayerful and reasonable voice, I feel inclusiveness remains a priority in keeping our church relevant as we work to build a solid and lasting foundation for the next generation. I want planning for the future be amiable, supportive, and as seamless as possible with no one left behind.

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

While on the Diocesan Council, my biggest accomplishments were working on budgets that took a lot of negotiation and compromise to make them suitable for this diocese. My greatest disappointment was selling HR Camp.

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

God is most present to me during my quiet times as I work through issues and as I look upon my life. I may be gardening, cleaning or working with others, when I can feel him in my heart. I often pray simply by saying, Lord, hear my prayer. He understands and heals me with grace and compassion.