

2026 LEADERSHIP

Candidate Application

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Foundation Board (3-year term)

**AFFILIATED CHURCH ***

St. Matthew's Cathedral - Laramie

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

During my three years of attending St. Matthew's Cathedral in Laramie, I've had the opportunity to volunteer in a few capacities. I began volunteering a couple years ago by filling in to run the sound booth for the Cathedral's live stream on YouTube. Eventually, I was added to the lay ministry schedule and volunteer in that role once a month. Additionally, I also assist with hospitality on certain Sundays, which includes bringing snacks for coffee hour after the service, set up, and clean up afterward. Additionally, though less common, I also occasionally take photos of Canterbury Fellowship events, such as the annual burning of the prayer fence ribbons and the back-to-school cookout.

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

Throughout the past couple years, I've had the opportunity to do some freelance communication work for the Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese in Wyoming. As part of that work, I've written a number of press releases regarding Foundation grants and the wonderful ways in which our churches across the state are using those funds to give back to their communities. I always found writing those press releases, and learning more about the projects, to be really inspiring. In short, I'd love to be a small part of assisting in any way I can with that good work. Prior to my current role as the Marketing Manager at the University of Wyoming College of Arts & Sciences, I was the Alumni and Development Coordinator at Northwest College in Powell. If given the opportunity to serve, I hope to draw from my past professional experience as a fundraiser in a way that's helpful and useful for this board.

Are you willing and capable to travel to meetings and church visits? *

Yes

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

When I lived in Powell, and worked at Northwest College, I served on the Park County Travel Council, which is responsible for overseeing a budget and administering the 4% lodging tax for Park County. In addition, they coordinate regional and national advertising campaigns in Park County as efforts to attract visitors. While the nature of our work was very collaborative, my greatest accomplishment was related to the process of getting new wayfinding signs throughout Park County. I loved the process of seeing a variety of mockups and providing feedback on them to help determine what would be most effective. In general, I've always found the tourism and hospitality industry to be really fascinating, and I love participating in anything that helps people enjoy the beautiful county where I grew up. Reflecting on my time serving on the board, my only real disappointment is that I wished I had asked more questions in the beginning. There was such a learning curve when I joined the board, and many members had served for a very long time. By the time I felt like I was really starting to understand the work, my husband and I were moving to Laramie for new jobs. Though I served on the board for a short time, I wished I had understood the ins and outs of the work a bit better from the beginning; however, it was a great learning experience, and I now try to prioritize asking more/better questions when encountering new experiences.

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

Lately, God has felt most present to me in nature. Whether it's a hike in the Snowy Mountain Range or a simple walk in the park, being outdoors always forces me to slow down and pause in a way that's often difficult to do in the busyness of everyday life. Those moments of reflection remind me that I'm part of something much bigger than myself, and they create space to notice God's presence.

That same sense of presence shows up in my work, particularly when I have the opportunity to tell someone's story at the university. Whether it's a student who never thought they could finish their degree or an alum who finally got their big break, it means a great deal to have the opportunity to be trusted with someone's story and share it with a broader audience. There's something really meaningful about being invited into a small piece of someone's life and helping them see that their experience is worth sharing. Those moments often feel like a gift, and I think that's where I notice God most in my work -- in the people I encounter, the stories they trust me with, and the opportunity to help those stories have a life beyond themselves.