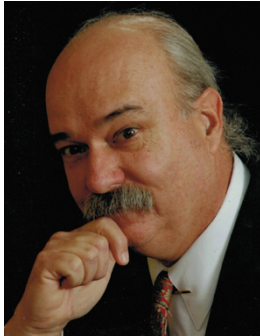




*the Episcopal Church
in Wyoming*



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Applying for: Standing Committee

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

Choir Boy, Nat-Cath WDC, in the Diocese of Washington, D.C. VBS Teacher, Senior Warden, Jr. Warden, Building Committee (\$2.2M project), LEM, Search Committee, Profile Committee. Total time: 20 years — St. Peter's Parish, Poolesville, MD, and St. Paul's Rock Creek in D.C. Apparently, my records were lost in a fire at St. Paul's 30 years ago — just found out this year.

What do you want to accomplish in this leadership role?

Enhance and improve the standing of the episcopal churches in Wyoming. Work for the betterment of our faith in fair reviews and communication. Strive to be transparent every day. Listen fairly and research sound answers for questions and issues.

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

Served in my parish back in WDC. The \$2.2m building was the greatest accomplishment, working with the parish, standing committee, the bishop and the community for a positive outcome for the church and the faith.

Disappointment: as senior warden - having to fire an interim priest in charge, at the last minute, under the request of the bishop.

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

Let me use my current Senior Warden position as an example. Christ Church is open for private reflection and meditation. I go in and sit in the quiet. One day, I walked to the altar and asked, "What do You want me to do in the Church?" I described what I was feeling about the Church. Then, a few weeks later, I attended the annual meeting. I was being quiet and just listening. When the election of officers came around, I just sat silently. Suddenly, Janet—the Junior Warden—said, "I nominate Henry." I looked stunned. I looked down and said, "This is what You want me to do now."

I accepted, without contest, the position of Senior Warden. Since then, I have worked in this role to bring Christ Church to the forefront of our city. Christ Church is the oldest church in Newcastle.

. God and Christ are never most present—They are always present.