

2026 LEADERSHIP

Candidate Application

Tammy Heise

Standing Committee (3-year term)



AFFILIATED CHURCH *

St. Matthew's Cathedral

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

I have served on vestries, worked in Sunday schools, and served on numerous committees in the Episcopal churches I have attended throughout my life. Additionally, I have served as a delegate to Wyoming's Annual Convention in past years and was elected to serve this diocese as a delegate to General Convention in 2027.

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

As an associate professor of American religions at the University of Wyoming, I am engaged with religion as a dynamic force in our local communities and in our broader culture. I understand many of the opportunities and challenges for our church today in both my professional and personal capacities. As an Episcopalian, I believe that our church should play a significant role in the world. Moreover, I believe that our church should commit itself to regular evaluation of its motivations and actions in all its ministries to ensure that we express the fullness of Christian love in everything we do. I understand many of the strengths of our denomination as well of some areas where we might improve. My hope for the Diocese of Wyoming is that we grow in Christ's love to expand our outreach to the world and to help sustain the many ministries our church has already begun.

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? *

I have served on a number of professional and church boards, and my greatest sense of accomplishment always comes from those times when these organizations achieve a sense of shared mission in work that achieves meaningful results for the people they serve. As might be expected, my greatest disappointments attach to the failure of some organizations to move beyond petty disagreements and narrow self-interest to work toward a common goal that will help individuals and communities flourish.

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

I see my work as a historian of religion in America as a calling. A historian's primary responsibility is to tell the truth as fully as possible, and I take that responsibility seriously as both a professional historian and a committed Episcopalian. God is most present to me in this work of truth telling that should (and sometimes really does) make the world a better place.