



**Name:** Brad Abrams  
**Church:** St. John's in Jackson  
**Applying for:** Foundation Board (3-year term)

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

Since joining St. John's Episcopal Church in Jackson in 1999, I've been committed to service in a variety of lay leadership and volunteer roles. I currently serve on the Vestry and have previously participated on both the Stewardship and Discernment Committees. I've served as a Eucharistic Visitor, helped usher at the 8 a.m. service, and am a graduate of Sacred Ground. My commitment also extends beyond our parish—I've taken part in Diocesan Convention and traveled on missions to both Honduras and Cuba. These experiences have given me a deep appreciation for the wider Episcopal Church in Wyoming and our call to spiritual growth, service, and reconciliation in the world.

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

I hope to contribute meaningfully to the Foundation's mission of strengthening ministries and spiritual vitality throughout the Diocese of Wyoming. With experience in financial stewardship, international operations, and nonprofit leadership, I aim to help expand the Foundation's reach, transparency, and long-term impact. I'm especially committed to ensuring that the Foundation supports creative initiatives that foster local ministry and spiritual formation, especially in rural or underserved communities. Ultimately, I want to serve with integrity, build bridges across the diocese, and help steward resources in a way that reflects our Gospel values and brings lasting benefit to the people of Wyoming.

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

I currently serve as a Trustee and former long-term Treasurer for the Jackson Elks Lodge 1713, a role that has allowed me to strengthen local community programming and improve financial accountability. A key accomplishment was helping modernize our financial systems while maintaining transparency and trust across the membership. However, I've also experienced the challenge of seeing strong ideas go unrealized due to limited bandwidth among volunteers or lack of timely consensus. That tension between vision and execution is a humbling reminder of the importance of steady leadership, communication, and patience in board work.

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

I invite God's presence through prayer, silence, and intentional gratitude, especially at the start of a day or before important decisions. In my professional life, God is most present when I'm

serving others. Whether mentoring a colleague, solving a problem collaboratively, or aligning our work with values greater than profit. In both my church and civic roles, I find that God often reveals Himself through quiet persistence, deep listening, and the sacredness of community. I strive to hold space for discernment and humility, always remembering that leadership is service, and every good outcome flows from grace.

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