



**Name:** Henry Nessul  
**Church:** Christ Church in Newcastle  
**Applying for:** Foundation Board

**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?**

Preserve and if possible grow endowment principle. Allow for a balance of disbursements in the spiritual life of the church and the community we serve.

**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.

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