

2026 LEADERSHIP

Candidate Application

John Peacock

Diocesan Council (3-year term)



AFFILIATED CHURCH *

St. Mark's South Cheyenne

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

- Member of St. Mark's for thirty-three plus years
- Served as Sr. Warden, on Vestry and Centennial Foundation and in a variety of programmatic areas
- Currently serving on Worship Planning, Pastoral Care, LEM, LEV and as Acolyte Master
- Chaired the Rector Search Committee resulting in the calling of a Rector that served 18 years.
- Served on Rector Search Committee that called incumbent Rector
- Education for Ministry graduate and mentor
- Served on Standing Committee
- Served as Delegate to numerous Diocesan Conventions
- Co-Chaired Transitions between Bishops Caldwell and Smylie
- Co-Chairing current Transitions Committee
- Serving on WEJust Board currently
- Participated in both the Alabama and Wind River Pilgrimages

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

By the time our new Bishop Diocesan is elected, consecrated and installed, our Diocese will have had four bishops over the course of the last six or seven years. I believe that a return to a more normal and stable existence is a priority. The combination of my service to the church and multiple years of management experience combine to give me great insight into how this task may be best accomplished. Additionally, I think this next year and beyond will be an exciting time in the life of our Diocese as we explore, together with our new Bishop, what God is calling us to be.

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? *

Two of the most gratifying accomplishments are quite recent. The creation of a Pastoral Care Team at St. Mark's has resulted in the writing and mailing of hundreds of cards to parishioners. These are most often in the form of a get-well card, but other occasions often warrant cards. This group has also been instrumental in the reactivation of our Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry. The Parish has warmly embraced these ministries. A disappointment and sadness was, despite the efforts of many, that St. Mark's entered into a time of schism in the early 2000s. The Holy Spirit was with us as we called a gifted and compassionate Interim Rector. We emerged some eighteen months later stronger than before and with a stronger sense of who we were and our place in the Cheyenne Community.

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

I invite God's presence by intentional prayer but also by being aware of His/Her presence in the daily routines of life and in the people around me. This question reminds me of the old EFM ice breaker: Where have you seen God this week? Answer: Everywhere!

God is most profoundly present to me while serving the chalice. As I come to each communicant, I am thinking of them and what their greatest need is or might be. It is always a deeply sacred albeit brief encounter. The other area where I always sense God's presence is in what I call "connecting the dots." I have been blessed (or occasionally cursed) by the ability to connect people with other people. It's my "Super Power." It is particularly helpful in pastoral situations and also in assisting folks new to St. Mark's to integrate into the life of the parish more easily in meaningful ways.