

2026 LEADERSHIP

Candidate Application

Jami Anderson

Foundation Board (3-year term)

**AFFILIATED CHURCH ***

Holy Trinity Thermopolis

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

With over 50 years of adult involvement in the church - my life is rich with volunteer experiences. These experiences have been in a variety of congregations both small and large, most of them in Wyoming. I have served on Vestry, been the church secretary, done youth ministries, served as an unpaid Interim priest, cooked, cleaned, painted, taught. One thing I never volunteered for is choir - for that all give thanks. The Interim priest period has just ended with the hiring of the Rev. Pamela Glaser to serve at Holy Trinity. I am just completing my third year on the Episcopal Foundation for the Diocese of Wyoming and wish to continue that volunteer position.

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

I have been the Grants Committee Chair for the past two years and I find that work to be life-giving, challenging, interesting, and rewarding. During this time, we have developed funding specifically for our church properties, we have removed the cap for funding requests and now allow more than one funding request per church per year. We have begun the end of year mini-grants to make sure that all of our granting pool of funds gets to all of our churches. I wish to continue these programs, always evaluating and tweaking them. We are still in the process of creating best practices for the Sacred Spaces grants and I am fully invested in the creation of that program. I love thinking about sharing our abundant gifts with the entire diocese and hope to remain on the Foundation board, especially the Grants Committee. I believe this is an important ministry in my life.

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 other boards. One of my favorite experiences was being a member of the State Commission on Housing and Homelessness in Nebraska. I felt we did some good and creative work during that time, including new models of housing for women inmates at the prison. I also was a member of a Community Health Initiatives board where I was disappointed with our efforts. To me there was too much networking that was mostly talking and no actions. I had hoped to have more impact for the people struggling with health care issues.

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

My evening quiet time before bed is set aside for "spiritual" reading, the Forward readings each day in the Bible and then prayer. That is my most focused discipline for inviting God's presence. Sunday worship is also important to me. Otherwise, there is always a prayer in my mind and heart as the day moves along and God often feels present when I am at the church or in the community visiting with other people. I especially love being a part of Bible studies and other learning opportunities. I really come alive if someone wishes to engage in talking about faith, God, the Bible, anything I feel is lifegiving. I like that we surround all of our Foundation meetings with prayer which helps me focus on God's presence in the work we do together.