

2026 LEADERSHIP

Candidate Application

Nancy Nelson

Foundation Board (3-year term)

**AFFILIATED CHURCH ***

St Andrews - Basin

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

My focus has been on the local church level since moving back to Wyoming. I found it important to sustain and fulfill the nature and needs of the communities St. Andrews serves. These services include engaging in lay ministry activities, serving on the Vestry, and working with the Episcopal Church Women's thrift shop and outreach.

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

I would like to better understand how the Foundation Board works and allocates money to meet the needs of the Diocese of Wyoming as well as the needs of the churches around the state. Since nearly 70% of the DoW budget comes from the Foundation, the presence and involvement of the Foundation Board is very important. I would like to be a positive contributor to the work the Foundation does.

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 not served on any Diocesan boards; my energy has been focused on local Vestry endeavors. During my time on the Vestry, I served as Senior Warden. During this tenure, I oversaw the integration of the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church to St. Andrews and the introduction of The Rev. Linda Anderson to St. Andrews. This work has been very rewarding.

I currently teach in public schools. As part of this work, I have worked with the Wyoming Department of Education in many areas, but most specifically in the area of Standards and Assessments. This work has resulted in a complete restructuring of Content and Performance standards in the state of Wyoming. This work is ongoing.

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

God is ever present in my life and work. I reach out to Him for guidance, for relief, for forgiveness every minute of every day. I have specific moments when His hand has been on my life and has saved me from my own foolish acts. I do not make a move without first praying and listening to His direction.

God is most present to me when I am at work, surrounded by children. These are the times when Jesus' work and blessings upon children are most present in my heart. We know Jesus invites us to have the belief of children in our lives. I am reminded of His work and love of children every day and I work to be his hands and feet at school every day.