



Name: The Rev. Chris Galagan
Church: Region 1 Deacon
Applying for: General Convention Deputies/Provincial Synod

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

I have been serving as Deacon Region 1 for the past 18 months, in Meeteetse, Basin, Thermopolis, Powell, and Cody. Prior to that I was ordained Deacon in Cody, and served there exclusively for 11 years in a myriad of ways. As a full-time elementary teacher, my ministries include education, formation, and reconciliation with both children and adults in both the secular world, and in the church. I also lead the weekend backpack Food4Kids program in Cody, and have facilitated Sacred Ground discussion groups in the Diocese. I am currently a member of the COM.

What do you want to accomplish in this leadership role?

I want to be a part of the leadership of the Episcopal Church. We have so much to learn, and so many challenges to face, and I think I can offer a presence of calm to a tumultuous world as we wrestle with 21st Century issues in new ways. I hope to connect with others, learn from others, and share some of the great things we are doing in our diocese, so that I can become a better Deacon for the Diocese of Wyoming.

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

As a part of the COM, I have made personal connections with some of the candidates for ordination, through our Shepherding Program. We are assigned individuals to check in with on a regular basis, pray for, and guide through the process. This has been a very meaningful relationship-building experience, for all involved, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it.

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

I know that I am doing what I am supposed to do when I am challenged, energized, and moving in and out of my comfort zone. I feel God's presence in the quiet moments, as well as the chaos.