



*The Episcopal Church
in Wyoming*



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Applying for: General Convention Deputies/Provincial Synod

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

I currently serve on Standing Committee and attend Diocesan Council meetings as a member of the Finance Committee. I have previously served on the board of Episcopal City Mission in St. Louis, was the chair of the Commission on Ministry in the Diocese of Missouri, and sat on a panel about suicide prevention in the Diocese of West Texas.

What do you want to accomplish in this leadership role?

I have served in many areas of diocesan leadership and would like to become a General Convention Delegate to use my experience to take the interests and desires of the Diocese of Wyoming to General Convention. To participate in the business of the institution and be a representative of the diocese would be an honor. This is one way I would like to serve and support the church here in the Diocese of Wyoming.

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

Our greatest accomplishment on Standing Committee recently has been the way the members of the committee stepped up to serve as Ecclesiastical Authority during Administrative Leave and in the wake of the departure of our previous bishop. I was most proud of our calling of Bishop Jefferts-Schori and Bishop Ousley to ecclesiastical leadership in their unique roles as Assisting Bishop and Provisional Bishop, respectively.

The greatest disappointment I have experienced was not here in Wyoming but was while I served as chair of Commission on Ministry in another diocese. There were instances of feeling betrayed by the diocesan office, especially when blindsided by a decision or by being kept in the dark about things we should have known about. It helped my growth as a priest in that I learned the value of good communication and transparency with other leadership.

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

I invite God's presence best by closing my mouth and opening my eyes and ears. God is most present in my work when I am deep in the scriptures, and when I am alone in prayer, and most especially, when I am able to serve others. Laying on of hands, sharing communion, and anointing those who need healing is the holiest of my work, and God makes herself known best in those exchanges.