

2026 LEADERSHIP

Candidate Application

Sandy Caldwell

Foundation Board (3-year term)



AFFILIATED CHURCH *

Holy Communion, Rock Springs

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

I have served in several roles including in two parishes on the vestry as treasurer and with the Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming as a board member with focus on grants and investments. My greatest area of strength and interest is in granting of funds to spread the love of Christ through the Episcopal Church in Wyoming, and growth, preservation, and expenditure of foundation funds in such a manner that allows for prudent use of funds in intentional ways such as granting through the diocese and local parishes and through capital investment in local church properties as locations of worship while also ensuring the funds grow to ensure perpetuity of the funds through navigating inflation and increasing costs over time.

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

The foundation corpus is a very special gift that allows for many opportunities to support our churches in the community building and spiritual growth in their respective communities. I want to accomplish ensuring that the foundation is still functional and takes an intentional look at putting the funds to work while also ensuring that we have the capacity to do so long into the future. As a non-clergy person, I think I can provide a perspective on how the communities perceive the work we do. I also have a skill set in finance, capital facilities and outlay, and the heart to use my skills to spread the love of Christ.

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 many boards over the years. Probably my greatest accomplishment is with the Wyoming Women's Foundation as a board member and the launch of the Wyoming Women's antelope hunt. The focus of the Wy Women's Foundation is the promotion of economic self-sufficiency of women and girls in a state where the pay gap is the second largest in the country. Part of that work was launching the Women's antelope hunt, which pairs women of need for food with landowners and guides to teach them how to hunt and prepare game. My greatest disappointment was with one of my college foundations in which they were simply a sleepy board with little interest in a looking at the capacity they had beyond holding on to defined scholarships for academic programs that no longer existed. In this case, funds were growing for extinct programs while many, many students who were in desperate need of funds could not receive them for their relevant programs. We were able to resolve the issue, but it took a long time and several years of students not receiving scholarships.

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

God has always been a part of my work. I have a couple of leadership speeches and workshops where I discuss the distinction between my work and my job. My work is clear--help others find the ability and faith to live a life of significance whether that is through changing generational poverty or finding God's presence in the moments of life using our God-given talents. I intentionally chose my career path in community colleges and higher ed for the purpose of doing my life's work. The number one predictor of economic and social mobility is post-secondary education. That is one of the most powerful influences in changing generational poverty, but it is not a simple topic and easier said than done. I was a homeless youth and a ward of a tribal nation, so I have the lived experience of the power of faith and having God show you the way--even if it is hard. I have served on vestry, been church treasurer for 15+ years, served on boards, and served on foundations for those sole purpose of inviting God's presence in the world. My work is inviting God's presence.