

Do you make ministry commitment to Grace Church (time, talent and treasure)?

Over the past three years (since I joined Grace Church) I have pledged money, as well as donated my time and talent to the *Icons* exhibit, EACH ministry, Graceful Gardeners, Parish Fair, and the Martha's knitting group.

Why do you feel called to serve on the Vestry of Grace Church?

Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic has disrupted my attendance at Grace. As a result I have been feeling the need to find a way to be more (safely) involved. At first I considered a Bible Study group but was not able to find one that was the right fit. Then the EACH ministry announced that it was winding up at the end of the year, leaving me wondering what I would do with the extra time on my hands. When the invitation to be on Vestry came along, I felt the timing was right for me to serve. I want to be more involved with Grace Church as I consider it to be my family and my home.

Please describe your participation at Grace or in the community, indicating leadership experience that you think will be helpful for the Vestry.

While living in Wilmington, NC, I served on the Church of the Servant vestry twice. I found both terms to be a rewarding and educational experience in the life of the church. Not long after joining Grace, I volunteered to help coordinate the installation of the *Icons in Transformation* exhibit. This task drew on my professional training and experience as a museum curator. In Waynesville, I am actively volunteering at the Pigeon Community and Multicultural Development Center. I started with them as a reading tutor for the After School Program. I was a field trip chaperone during the 2019 Summer Enrichment Program. Now, since the COVID pandemic, I am working on a project of organizing their records, setting up an archive, and developing a records retention policy and procedure plan.

What is your vision for Grace Church in the next three years?

I want Grace Church to continue to be a welcoming home for all of God's diverse children. I want Grace to continue to be active in the Waynesville community, making a difference for its lower economic citizens.