



## Vestry Nomination Form (for 2022)

Nominations end on Sunday, December 19. Communication about the candidates will go out to the parish no later than Wednesday, December 22. A meeting to meet the candidates will be held on Sunday, January 2 at 9:15 am (in person and on Zoom). Annual Meeting for the election is January 9 at 9:15 am (in person and on Zoom).

**Nominee Name:** Jesse Lee Nelson

**Nomination submitted by (if other than the nominee):** Mary Lockey

**Email of person submitting nomination:** mlockey195@gmail.com- **Has this person been notified of the nomination?** Yes

**Questionnaire (to be filled out by nominee).** If you are nominating another person, please do not answer the questions below. The nominee will be asked to fill out the form. Responses will be printed in the nomination packet that will be distributed prior to the Annual Meeting. Please keep answers under 100 words.

**Do you make ministry commitment to Grace Church (time, talent and treasure)? (We ask because part of your role will be asking other parishioners to do the same).**

Yes, I have a pledge made for the year 2022 and have given regularly. In time and talent, I am an active member of the choir and serve in leadership with the Taize services. Outside the walls of Grace Church, I also care for my grandfather and participate in an organization (Inclusive) committee of persons dedicated to communicating God's love for LGBTQ+ persons.

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

Over the past 4-5 years (especially 2020-2021), our society has seen dramatic changes and some of the response has been positive and moving. On the other hand, I have seen many people who adopted an "I just don't care anymore attitude". Occasionally, I too have given over to this mentality; but, what our world needs are people who genuinely care. God has already brought me to many opportunities where I can be of use to/for my neighbors and that I have gladly undertaken. I feel called to show love, God's love, to our parishioners, visitors, neighbors, and community. Serving on the Vestry at Grace Church is an opportunity to do this through leadership and our many ministries.

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

Organizing Taize services has given me the experience of helping other people connect with God through liturgical practice. Since the beginning of my participation, the Taize leaders have worked together to make the services accessible to all worshippers and to care for our facilities responsibly.

During the course of our holding Taize services in 2021, the Taize team has listened to the concerns of worshippers about the use of incense and the lack of sufficient lighting in the sanctuary. Both of these concerns were directly related to the health and safety of those worshippers. The Taize team addressed these issues as soon as they were brought forward and we jointly made decisions to accommodate worshippers in future services.

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

One of the first things that attracted me to Grace Church, is the intentional welcome that we offer to ALL people. Part of that welcome, is reaching-out and offering support to our parishioners, neighbors, and anyone seeking assistance.

In the next three years, I envision Grace Church being an even louder “voice in the wilderness”. A voice, that speaks for all those who may not have the chance to do so for themselves. I see Grace being a home for people of every kind, as we actively fulfill our baptism by recognizing the dignity of every person and inviting everyone to participate in our community.