

Appendix II

Chapter Candidate ~ Nominee Biography and Statement

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What brought you to St. Paul's Cathedral and why did you stay?

After relocating to San Diego 11 years ago, we visited several Lutheran and Episcopal churches. We chose St. Paul's to be our church home because our daughter uses a wheelchair chair, and St. Paul's has an elevator. We also liked the fact that the children's Sunday School classes were held during the beginning of the worship service. Now that our daughter is an adult, and stays in the church during the entire service, we have all grown to love the community, the liturgy, the music, as well as the various outreach programs. During the pandemic our family changed our previous routine. My husband and I usually attend the 8am service, and we send our daughter to the 10:30 service with a caretaker. She also attends youth group.

With what activities or ministries have you been involved and how?

I was elected to Chapter 3 years ago. It has been an honor to serve with this gracious group of volunteers. For the past year I have served as the People's Warden. The duties, shared with the Dean's Warden, include attending every committee meeting and social event. We also meet with the Dean every month. I have attended Women Together since its inception and have been on the Steering Committee which chooses the line-up of speakers for many years. I was also responsible for providing the wine at the monthly meetings. I am currently the Program Chair in charge of leading the meetings. I was part of the medical team that served Vida Joven 2-3 times/year for several years.

To which strategic goal area would you most want to be a Chapter Liaison (Cathedral for the City, Community, Formation, Music & Arts, Outreach & Justice, or Worship)? Why?

Now, after having been on Chapter for 3 years, I have had some time to reflect on the areas in which I could be of service. I had originally thought that I would be involved in formation, but that did not happen. I am now thinking more in terms of Evangelism/ Stewardship/Fundraising. I believe our goal as followers of Jesus is to spread His message of love. In order to do that, we need the financial and time commitment for the congregation.

What attributes and gifts do you bring to the ministry of Chapter (please include any pertinent educational, professional or community experience)?

I am a physician. I served as Treasurer and President of the Council of All Saints' Lutheran Church for a total of 15 years. I was President of the Junior League of Guadalajara and received formal Board training from the Association of Junior Leagues, International. I have served for several years and am currently Vice-President of my Homeowner's Association. I have been a Chapter member for the past 3 years, and People's Warden of 2023.

Why do you feel called to serve on Chapter?

I have really enjoyed being involved with Chapter these past 3 years. I especially appreciated my role as the People's Warden this year because I have been able to attend many committee meetings via Zoom. It is encouraging to see the members of our Cathedral Community participate in this blessed work.