

**Church of the Ascension
Vestry Election 2024 Candidate Questionnaire**

Name: Phoebe Norcross

Member of Ascension since: 2019

Occupation: Architectural Designer at Rogers Partners

Please list up to **five** of your activities at Ascension that you feel would be useful to you in your service as a vestry member:

20s to 30s Dinners
Lenten Devotional

Please list up to **five** of your activities elsewhere in the Episcopal Church or in the community that you feel would be useful to you in your service as a vestry member:

1. Cooking
2. Art
3. Bedstuy Strong – mutual aid network which supports the bedstuy community.
4. Architecture –with emphasis in environmental justice and rebuilding communities
5. Socially engagement (friends with young professionals who have access to helpful skills and resources)

Please answer the following three questions. The total of your answers should be no more than 100 words.

1. **What drew you to Ascension?** In June 2018, while on vacation, I stepped into Ascension for relief from the summer sun. A year later, when I decided to seek a church, I had forgotten about ascension. On my 4th attempt to find a church I returned and immediately felt belonging.

2. **What do you see as Ascension's greatest strengths?**
Ascension's community has a lovely way of allowing parishioners to be ourselves.

3. What is your vision for Ascension in the next five years?
I hope I can encourage other young people to join so our community will gain resiliency.

4. What skills, experiences, and/or talents will you bring to the work of the vestry?
As I ease into my many roles in the city, I'm connecting with people from many different backgrounds. I feel called to connect those in need with those who can help.

