

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



Name: Richard Mitchell

Member of Ascension since (year): 2022

Occupation: Enrollment Registrar Coordinator, Hunter College

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:

Acolyte, Altar Guild, Food Pantry, Lector, Server for Wednesday 6PM Eucharist

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:
Work, Prayer

1. What drew you to Ascension?

Looking to return to attending church, I found Ascension's Wednesday 6pm service. After I was welcomed so warmly upon my very first visit, I knew I had to come back!

2. What do you see as Ascension's greatest strengths?

Ascension is a welcoming community to people from all walks of life and in all areas of their spiritual journey.

3. What is your vision for Ascension in the next five years?

I see Ascension maintaining a vibrant spiritual community, increasing our engagement with the community at large and improving our technology.

4. What skills, experiences, and/or talents will you bring to the work of the vestry?

In my work, I collaborate with my colleagues to improve administrative processes to serve students and faculty more effectively. I believe my experience would benefit the work of the vestry.