

Responses to Vestry Questionnaire – Brad Ashton, Jan 2022

1. How long have you worshipped at Immanuel? Any other family members who worship here?

--My wife Melinda and I started our ICOH worship in the early 1980s. Our son Will does not worship regularly, but he does attend with us occasionally.

2. What are some parish activities or ministries that have captured your time and talents?

--Past vestry service (1990s), pumpkin patch, outreach, parish cleanup, consultation on grounds maintenance, exercising leadership and energy to get things done.

3. Please name something you find very valuable/something you love about Immanuel.

--Outreach (mostly back in the 1990s), worship leadership and active participation by congregation members, openness to and respect for individual differences, welcoming approach to newcomers

4. What gifts, talents, interests and/or goals and objectives do you think you might bring to Vestry service?

--Hard work, collaborative efforts in joint work with others, leadership, willingness to work long hours on occasion if needed.

5. How would you view serving on the Vestry as a ministry, as part of your Christian journey?

--Vestry service is a formal spiritual commitment to helping make the world a better place on behalf of and thru the church.

--Vestry service involves a commitment to make our church an active spiritual resource for our members and our community -- and an efficient organization to support God's purposes.