

Autumn Smith

Number of years as part of Gloria Dei Church

5 years/10 a.m. service

Please briefly describe yourself in terms of your family and work life experience.

I am applying as a student. I attend church with my family. I am a seasoned volunteer at Gloria Dei Church. The things for which I volunteered are VBS, Feast of Justice, Church Tea, Community Dinner, Flea Market, etc.

Please list or describe your current involvements serving at Gloria Dei and elsewhere.

I participate in youth group at Gloria Dei and volunteer as needed (see above). I am a Girl Scout. Last year, I was in the Abington Junior Honor Society, History Club, TADA (Teens Against Drugs & Alcohol), musicals, chorus, etc.

Please list specific skills or gifts which you believe would enhance the Church Council's function

I am hardworking, determined, open-minded, responsible, reasonable, smart, funny, joyful, listen to other people's ideas, etc.

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These values have impacted me because they have opened a whole other opinion about life to me.

Please list any other additional information you wish to share supporting your candidacy as a potential Council Member



Aidan Fell



John Hagman



Tammy Prout



Colleen Ott



Tomea Sippio-Smith



Autumn Smith

Church Council Nominees

Aidan Fell

Number of years as part of Gloria Dei Church.

I have been a member of Gloria Dei for 9 years. I attend the 10:00 a.m. service regularly.

Please briefly describe yourself in terms of your family and work life experience.

My family includes my mom, my dad, and my sister. I am a part time student at Montgomery County Community College, and I work full time at Dagwood's Pub in Philadelphia.

Please list or describe your current involvements serving at Gloria Dei and elsewhere.

I have served on Church Council for a one year term. I have been a member of the Gloria Dei praise band for over 5 years. I participate in many youth events and programs like the Mission Trips, the flea markets, and the pancake breakfasts. I volunteer for many other events such as Shining Star and Feast of Justice.

Please list specific skills or gifts which you believe would enhance the church council's function.

I have experience on Church Council. I am an active member of the youth program and can help give a voice for the youth to the Church Council. I have many musical skills and have used them to play in the church's praise band.

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These values impact my life in many ways. I live my life to be inclusive to everyone that I cross paths with. I try to use as much of my free time to serve the church and community that surrounds me. Gloria Dei Church has taught me to accept everyone no matter what religion, sexual orientation, or race.

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I am honored to be running as a member of Church Council for a

Tomea Sippio-Smith

Number of years as part of Gloria Dei Church.

5 years — contemporary service

Please briefly describe yourself in terms of your family and work life experience.

I am a wife and mother to two children: Autumn—15; and Chase—11. I am an education policy director for a local non-profit child advocacy organization.

Please list or describe your current involvements serving at Gloria Dei and elsewhere.

Abington Education Foundation—Board Development Committee; Work requires more than 9-5 engagement; Girl Scout mom; Boy Scout mom.

Please list specific skills or gifts which you believe would enhance the Church Council's function.

Logical reasoning; spirit of resolution.

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In my world, I am always the "only." It's extraordinarily hard to be yourself when who you have to be in each setting is constantly changing. Consequently, I try to be inclusive so that others don't feel excluded. I am service-oriented and try to give of myself to others. I strive to be spiritually alive and progressive.

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I am not sure whether this helps or hinders my application, but right now I'm struggling for mental space. I want to belong somewhere and do good. I don't want to be a part of something just so that it can appear diverse. I want to be a part of something because my expertise is valued and I am valued as a person.

Tammy Prout

Number of years as part of Gloria Dei Church.

I have been attending services for 20 years, usually at 9:30 a.m.

Please briefly describe yourself in terms of your family and work life experience.

I am a widowed mom of 2. I have a 22 year-old-son and a 20-year-old daughter. I am currently a pre-Kindergarten teacher with a master's degree in Special Education.

Please list or describe your current involvements serving at Gloria Dei and elsewhere.

I have been a Sunday School Teacher for the last 15 years. I also volunteer in the preschool part of Vacation Bible School. I also help with the Flea Market.

Please list specific skills or gifts which you believe would enhance the Church Council's function.

I think my 20 years experience with the children, family and youth of the church will bring that perspective to the Council.

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17 years ago, my husband was diagnosed with cancer. The church was our place to be together to gain strength for our weekly battle. When our fight was over, the church family helped transform my family to life without my husband. The pastoral staff and church family gave us guidance and support through this transformation.

John Hagman

Number of years as part of Gloria Dei Church.

I have been a member of Gloria Dei Church since 1974 (46 years). We have attended, from time to time, each of the services but are usually a part of the 11 o'clock service.

Please briefly describe yourself in terms of your family and work life experience.

My wife Edie and I have two children, Jeanine and Brian, and five granddaughters. I am a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and I attended Drexel University. In business I was a Corporate Services Bank Officer with Girard Bank and was involved with the introduction of departmental computerization. For the Philadelphia Electric Company, I headed up the introduction of desk top computers throughout the company's home office and many regional locations. I continued my 40 year computer career when I joined Primavera Corporation which became a subsidiary of Oracle Corporation. The company's products involved project management software. I retired from Oracle in 2002.

Please list or describe your current involvement serving at Gloria Dei and elsewhere.

I am currently an active usher and member of Men's Ministry. I introduced the plastic bag collection to the church and help manage the outreach. I have served for a year on the GDC Congregational Council, finishing the last year of someone's three year term.

List specific skills of gifts which you believe would enhance the Church Council's function.

In business, I have worked as a programmer and systems analyst and supervisor. As an officer of the bank, I managed both group and department staff. I was responsible for planning, budgeting and operations. I managed mainframe computer, and data entry operations, and computer installations and logistics.

At Gloria Dei, my wife and I were active members of the Wanabees Couples Group and managed its activities for a couple of years. We served as Christ Partners members and have participated in a number of other outreach groups over the years. We were collections envelope money counters. We helped decorate the church for holidays. I participated in shows and skits during services.

I developed the programming for the early version of the Gloria Dei

John Hagman cont.

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The fact that I have been a member continuously for 46 years speaks to my dedication to Gloria Dei Church. I believe the stated core values are the goals the church must pursue. I pray everyone is as fully supportive and committed as I am.

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I am an active member of the James E. Kinney Senior Center in Richboro where I participate in both the painting and wood carving classes, and I have had my paintings and carvings displayed there and in the Northampton Library. I provide this information as an example of my creative side.

Colleen Ott

Number of years as part of Gloria Dei Church. February 16, 2020

Please briefly describe yourself in terms of your family and work life experience.

I have been deemed as disabled. I try to volunteer when I can, Saturdays @ the Barn @ Knolton Mansion. However, now I am a high risk person and cannot attend many things right not because of Covid. I am able to do many things remotely. I am a retired EMT from Philadelphia. A photographer, crafter, knitter, and word carvings when I have free time when I am not on a telehealth visit.

Please list or describe your current involvements serving at Gloria Dei and elsewhere.

None @ Gloria Dei, I am first someone who visits via virtual church. I am a person with a chronic lung condition and a low immune system who loves to serve the Lord and without church my life just isn't right. Church is the one routine in my life that has been constant. Routines are good for me, after all I am a 42-year-old adult with Asperger's, a form of high functioning Autism. The only other involvement I have presently is the St. Hubert Alumnae Association once a month, unless I am partaking in virtual fundraising with the Alumnae Association.

Please list specific skills or gifts which you believe would enhance the church council's function.

I have a small knack for helping with fundraising virtual events, well presently I am more of a behind the scenes type of gal. Makes sense I guess most aspies enjoy behind the scenes work because I'd be dealing less directly with people. However, in my past with church, I have been able to help with administrative skills, I have helped Faith Lutheran church with their IT and social media postings. When I was a Baptist I was a deaconess, but I left because they wanted to pray away the gay in me.

Gloria Dei's core values include being inclusive, transformational, service oriented, spiritually alive and progressive in our theology. How have these values impacted you?

I enjoy Gloria Dei's core values asking 100% inclusive, transformational and how service-oriented ya'll are. I also was a part of a UCC church where my spouse and I got married. Gloria Dei is much like my old UCC church and Faith Lutheran smashed together, but without drama and everyone gets together because ya'll cherish the Statement of Faith, and I like that a lot. How does it inspire me? Well coming to a church where I do not have to care about looking over my shoulder is lovely, meaning I can be me, gay-aspie little me and worship. I miss the pew I always sat in pre-Covid. I miss you people. I pray that this vaccination could be found within the next 12 to 18 months with all of the trials present.