

Candidacy Statement
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Since moving to Alaska in 2018, I have served in various roles of the life of the church and Annual Conference. Most recently, I have been a member of the History and Archives committee, and I served briefly on the Leadership Team.

Before Annual Conference voted to discontinue them, I was a member of the Communications Committee, and the Mission District Task Force. In 2024 I was a member of the Commission for Equal Compensation.

I co-sponsored legislation passed during Annual Conference 2023, and successfully submitted a change for the rules of Annual Conference to prioritize retired Deaconesses and Home Missioners for equalizing votes at Annual Conference.

I have also supported the Annual Conference in the Worship Committee in 2023.

In 2022, I was Consecrated and Commissioned as a Deaconess and have been appointed to serve in three ministry settings since. My first appointment was as a consultant for the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner (D/HM). My next appointment was as an Office Specialist at Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage. My current appointment is at the Faith Foundation Northwest as Executive Assistant and Board Administrator.

As a Deaconess, I facilitated events and workshops for those discerning how God was calling them to ministry. For the D/HM Order I have written devotionals and articles for publication. I have been a member of the Commission on Deaconess and Home Missioners Service since 2024, and a TA for the D/HM course on Old Testament since 2025.

Besides my Labor Relations degree from Argentina, I have a Bachelor of Art in Creative and Professional Writing, and I am working on my thesis for my Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, with the goal of graduating in July 2025.

I have prayed and discerned the call to serve on the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation. I believe that the diversity of thought, experience, and ministry context will only serve to strengthen the Alaska delegation for the impact it will make. As an immigrant, naturalized citizen, Latine woman, clergy spouse, who parents a queer child, I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the table. I am convinced that we need to move forward the important work that our Alaska delegation and the General Conference achieved, especially in the past two General Conference sessions. I want to participate in building the church that I dream about,

making it a reality for my children, and many generations to come. I envision a church that is inclusive of all our siblings, a church that holds herself accountable for past mistakes, works hard to correct them, and does not repeat them. In the name of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the whole world, to the exclusion of none.

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