



For the past 18+ years I have been blessed to be a member of St. David's. Janie and I and our two sons moved to Ashburn in 1999 and knew we had found a new church home the first time we visited St. David's (we were still holding worship in the preschool building back then!). It wasn't long before Janie was called to be on staff as the Youth Leader, and I joined her team to revitalize the Youth program which has continued to flourish.

I've had the honor and pleasure to serve on our Vestry twice before. Our vestry is charged to be the business and spiritual leaders of our parish, and I pledge to fulfill that mission. Our community needs to see and hear how St. David's transforms lives, not only of those who attend and serve here, but the lives we reach out to: The homeless, the poor, the sick, the elderly, the veterans, those with addictions, and of course those who are visiting us in their spiritual journey. We are a warm and inviting community of faith, and I have no doubt that people who experience worship with us and see and hear the excitement and energy in this place are pulled to be a part of it.

Besides my previous six years (two terms) on vestry, I have also had the privilege to serve as a Stewardship Chairman, Capital Campaign Co-Leader, Welcome Committee member, Marketing Team member, Communications Team member, Diocesan Council Delegate (twice), Missioner to REACH, Missioner to El Hogar (Honduras), Lay Eucharist Minister, Lay Reader and Chalice, and past Director and charter member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The one constant through all of those roles is my deep regard for the people of St. David's. I love this church and I never hesitate asking others in my community and neighborhood if they don't have a church to come experience St. David's. I honestly believe that's all it takes, to come through those doors one time and feel the love, warmth and bond that we all have.....it is transformational.

We have work to do in this place. We need a Parish Hall. We need to recognize our legacy by memorializing Belmont Chapel and Margaret Mercer. We need to do more in our community to help those in need. We need to continually educate on social issues which are causing divisiveness, hurt and anger in our country and world. We need to reach out to the 68% of Loudoun County's population that don't have a church home. We need to find ways to incorporate those who join us by helping find ministries they want to be a part of or start. We need to celebrate the beginning of a new Saturday night service and incorporate those attendees into all we do. We need to find creative ways to make St. David's more visible within Loudoun County. And as a Vestry, we need to lead our congregation to do these things. If elected to our Vestry, I pledge to do all I can to make these things a reality.

Blessings and Peace,

Conrad Jones