

My name is Dale L. Lange. I became a member of the St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church family in 2012 after seeking a spiritual home in Albuquerque for a number of years. I finally found one! I have served the church in a number of ways: As lector, almost from the beginning of my time; it continues; in the 11:15 service choir (2012-2016) until my wife needed me as her caretaker, she died in 2019; and from 2015-2018 as a member of the Vestry. During my time on the Vestry, I served on the Special Task Force, which helped bring the budget deficit under control, examined, codified, and modernized church policies, and was instrumental in eliminating the church mortgage. Within Taskforce duties, I worked on the Endowment Policy and Financial Management Policies. During this same period, I was liaison between the Vestry and the Finance Committee, and was co-chair of the Navajo Partnership Ministry (2018 only).

Subsequently, I was elected as a delegate to the Diocese of the Rio Grande, then delegate to the Northwest Deanery, and finally election as vice dean of the NW Deanery. This latter election gave me a seat on the all-important Diocesan Council, which makes budget and policy decisions for the Diocese. I served on the Diocesan Council for three years (2019-22).

My professional background is that of professor, University of Minnesota, (now professor emeritus) where I was also associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Education and Human Development. In that role, I was responsible for the college curriculum, professional licensure programs, advice and consent to the dean on promotion and tenure, as well as the collegiate budget. I believe that my background and the experience that I have gained at St. Michael's and at the Diocesan level of the church provide me with the necessary experience to be helpful to the Vestry and the Church in general in working through the changes that will be taking place in the months and the next coming years as we welcome a new Rector and guide his service.

