



City of Concord, New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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JIM BOULEY
MAYOR

TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Mayor Bouley

DATE: June 5, 2019

RE: Appointment to Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness

I propose the appointment of the following individual to the Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness.

- Reverend Jason Wells, 18 Kimball Street, Pembroke, NH. Reverend Well's letter of interest is attached.

In accordance with Section 18 of the City Council Rules, this proposed appointment is being distributed to City Council as information in advance of formal action at the July 8, 2019 City Council meeting.



NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Janice Bonenfant
City Clerk
41 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

April 23, 2019

Dear Mrs. Bonenfant,

Please include my name and resume for your consideration in finding a new faith representative for the Steering Committee on Concord's Plan to End Homelessness.

For ten years I served at Grace Episcopal Church across from Merrill Park in East Concord. During those years I also served on the board of the Friendly Kitchen and also served as the president of the Greater Concord Interfaith Council.

If appointed to the Steering Committee, I hope that I can bring that decade worth of experience in community service and also my relationships among the diverse faith communities of the City of Concord.

I hope that you can find my enclosed resume to be a help for the City Council in making its decision.

Please contact me with the information below if there are any follow-up questions for me. My personal contact information is jason@nhchurches.org or (603) 361-7151.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Jason Wells, Executive Director

Enclosure

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Pembroke, NH 03275

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Professional Leadership

Executive Director, NH Council of Churches

October 2017—present

Coordinate ministry among ten diverse Christian denominations in the state, focusing on (1) support for our immigrant community, (2) repeal of the death penalty and (3) coordinating with the state and faith communities on the opioid crisis.

Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Concord, N.H.

October 2007—October 2017

Created new feeding ministry (Take-a-Tote) to nearby public elementary school and annual fundraising event (Pork Fest) for local community. Grew congregation in attendance by 40%; grew pledge giving by 50%; grew clergy position from part-time to full-time.

Curate, Grace Episcopal Church, Manchester, N.H.

September 2004—August 2007

Diocesan Leadership

Founder, Assisi House, Tilton

January 2015—2019

Assisi House is an Episcopal Service Corps site welcoming young adults to the state.

Chair, Commission on Evangelism

June 2009—2015

Co-authored Evangelism Toolkit: Come and See (invitational program) and Koinonia (new member curriculum). Created annual Evangelism Institute to train parishes on Toolkit.

Community Leadership

Board member, American Civil Liberties Union of N.H.

December 2013—present

Board member, The Friendly Kitchen

June 2011—2016

President, Greater Concord Interfaith Council

September 2011—May 2012

Mobilized citywide “Love Your Neighbor” campaign to respond to racist graffiti on two African refugees’ homes. Added Interfaith Seder and World AIDS Day to annual programs.

Education

M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary

2001—2004

Awarded the Arthur Paul Rech Memorial Prize in Theology and Pastoral Ministry

B.S. Mathematics and B.S. Computer Science, Southern Methodist University

1997—2001