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Children

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Occupation

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13 years

What do you believe is currently the biggest challenge at Christ Church? Why and how would you address it? Effective, targeted communication that reaches our entire Church family is our greatest challenge and will be critical for our long-range growth and prosperity. There are so many channels. Printed mail, social media and e-mail are fine but impersonal and often lost in all the "noise" we constantly receive. I believe nothing replaces the impact of a personal visit, call or handwritten note with timely follow up. Our greatest strength is our membership, and we must look after one another in times of need or loss and celebrate together in times of prosperity and success.

My path to Christ Church began at CCES as a sixth grader attending class in the Parish House, but the real journey began when neighbors personally invited me to the Rector's Forum. I credit their recruitment, encouragement and the incredible welcome I received, not to mention the wonderful weekly lessons and new friendships I continue to make here.

I also believe we must continue to encourage our young families to get back to pre-COVID routines. There is great strength in numbers and personal interaction at all ages. The laughter of children helps to cure most things.

In summary, look no further than Our Mission to "Embrace, Equip, and Empower Apostles to Serve Jesus Christ." It is everyone's job to be faithful Apostles, to be the ears and eyes of the Church - day in and day out. That is my goal!

Christ Church Activities The Forum Ambassador; previously served on the Nomination and Annual Giving Committees and the Christ Church Endowment Corporation Board.