

Rick Bradley



What do you like best about St. Paul's?

I enjoy being a part of the St. Paul's church community for fellowship and support. It's the first church in my adult life where I have been active. I see the rewards that this participation affords our members. I have made close friends at St. Paul's and I feel how the community supports one another. I'm sure that this looks different to each of us, but for me that support means that people ask about your kids, they bring meals to your family when someone is ill, and they sit with a spouse in the waiting room of a hospital when it's needed. It's a caring community all the way from clergy to administrative staff to members. That's the kind of community that I want to raise my kids in.

What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?

I've been attending St. Paul's ever since Vicki and I were married 17 years ago. Here are the ministries that I have been a part of:

- Aids Care Team (no longer in existence at St. Paul's)
- Chair of the Buildings and Grounds for several years in the early 2000's
- Fill-in greeter a couple of years ago
- Chair of the Annual Stewardship Campaign
- Member of the Annual Stewardship Campaign committee for 3 years
- Three-year Vestry member
- Men's Group Executive Committee
- Member of the Giving Board
- Lobster Fest volunteer
- Appalachian Service Project volunteer

What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church or parish?

I've only been actively involved at St. Paul's.

What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?

I would like to be a part of the Vestry that leads a capital campaign aimed at retiring our building debt, increasing our budget amount for outreach and providing the staff with well-earned and appropriate salary compensation that match market rates for a parish of our size.

What community groups and events are you involved in?

Does having a club travel-team soccer player count? For those of you in the same boat, you know what I mean. □ Aside from soccer, a full-time job as the Associate Director of student housing at UNC-Chapel Hill and my church involvement, our family enjoys spending time camping with friends. One of the activities that I am most involved with through my work is as a diversity trainer. I've been actively involved with a number of programs and initiatives in my department and with other campus committees. I'm most proud that in 2014, the North Carolina Housing Officers honored me with the Lexie Kamerman Dedication to Social Justice and Peace Award. I was the first recipient in our state association to receive this award, named in honor of an Elon College student who was tragically killed in a bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan. I find this work to be very fulfilling to me personally.

In my work life, I oversee the operations side of a 10,000 bed college housing department with 3.3 million square feet of facility space and \$54 million in annual revenue. Even though that sounds like a lot of money, our resources are often tight and we frequently have to make difficult budget decisions. I think this skill and experience will help me serve on the St. Paul's vestry if elected.
