

Peter Petrou - May 2020

Peter is a member of the St. Andrew community since 1987; he currently serves as the Treasurer of the Parish Council, following earlier stints as its Vice-President, President and Festival Chair.

Like many on the Parish Council, Peter says: *"I am increasingly concerned about our community's persistent reliance upon fundraisers rather than Stewardship to meet our financial obligations Stewardship commitment. This focus detracts us from the ministry work that brings us together as a family, and which makes our temporary stay in this world more rewarding to us and leaves a better place for our children. My hope is for a more limited festival operated as a true ministry rather than a financial imperative."*



Peter's family immigrated to the United States from a small farming village in Cyprus when he was two years old. Like many families in our community, they made ends meet with a small family-run diner. After high school, he attended Bucknell University before commencing post-graduate studies at Duke Law School.

Peter recently concluded a 35-year career as a practicing attorney to assume the role of Executive Director of ECLC of New Jersey, comprised of several non-profit organizations serving the developmentally disabled community. They operate two schools, two adult day programs and an agency that provides job placement, supported employment and support coordination services. Peter's hope is to add group homes and a business employing the disabled to their portfolio of services for this population.

While an attorney he mostly practiced in the commercial arena in the areas of employment, insurance, commercial transactions and intellectual property, as well as education law. During his career, he published several articles, lectured in continuing legal education programs, and served as a court appointed mediator. After serving in many roles in the New Jersey legal ethics system, Peter was recently appointed to the Disciplinary Review Board, which imposes discipline upon attorneys violating New Jersey ethics rules.