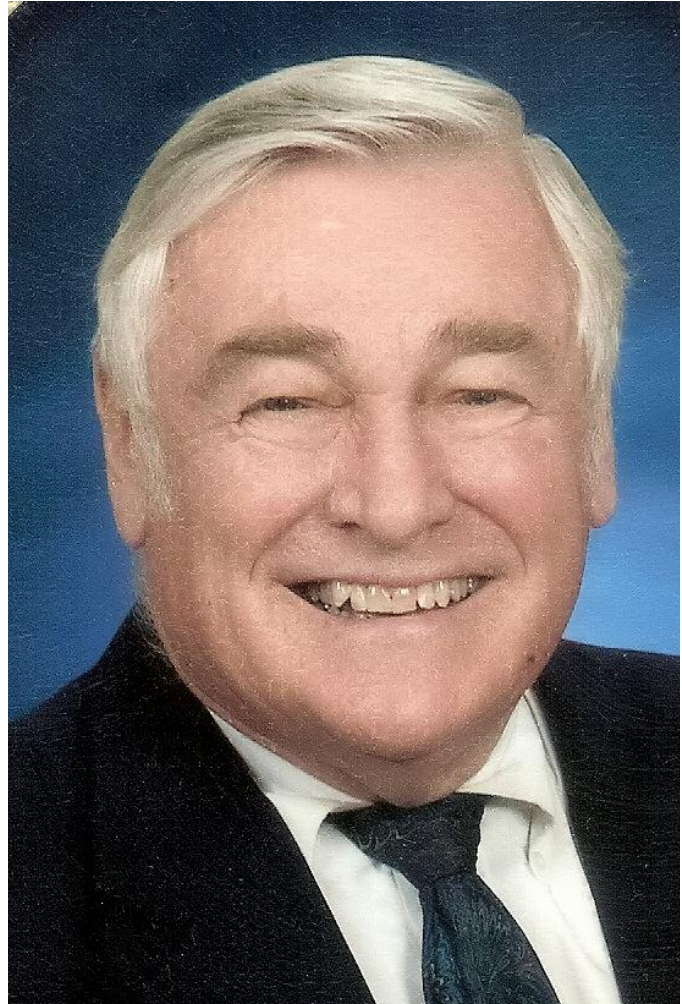


## Ralph W. Peters, Jr., Appointed to Governor's Council on Housing

Ralph Peters, former member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Laurel, and spouse of the Rev. Rita B. Nelson, Coordinator of the Diaconate Program, has been appointed to the Delaware Governor's Council on Housing (officially, The Delaware State Housing Authority Council on Housing). The Council's principle duties are to advise the Governor, Housing Director, and General Assembly on affordable housing and approve the allocation of loans and grants through the housing development fund ([www.DESateHousing.com/Council.shtml](http://www.DESateHousing.com/Council.shtml)).

Mr. Peters came to Delaware with his wife in 2001, when she was called as rector of Church of the Ascension. The following year the bishop nominated Peters to serve on the Board of the Interfaith Community Housing Delaware, a Wilmington organization that provides affordable housing in the state, having built communities from Overlook Colony in Claymont, to Colony West in Milford. In 2003, Peters became vice-chair of Interfaith, and served as chair from June 2005 to June 2007. During his tenure as chair, Peters merged Interfaith with the Latin-American Community Center Development Corp. and Community Housing, Inc., doubling the size of the organization. Peters led the Board in developing a strategic plan positioning the organization well into 2012. Interfaith also implemented three low-income housing tax-credit projects with the Delaware State Housing Authority, as well as multiple individual home ownership units. Interfaith also offers individual home ownership counseling.

Peters moved to Millsboro in 2005 and joined the board of directors of the Sussex County Habitat for Humanity in January 2007, becoming president in June of that year. In his year and a half in that capacity, Habitat has increased the number of houses it builds annually from five to eight with a strategic vision of building twenty houses or more annually in the next five years. Habitat recently acquired a house in Georgetown where it plans to house AmeriCorps volunteers to help meet its ambitious construction goals. Sussex County Habitat for Humanity is currently investigating other avenues to provide safe, affordable housing for low-income families in Sussex County.



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