



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Committee on Nominations ~ Nomination Booklet

June 2018

Mr. Steve Symes (Westborough), Chair

Members of the 2018 Nomination Committee

The Rev. Heather Blais (Greenfield)

Ms. Sue Gore (Lee)

The Rev. Tom Damrosch (Pittsfield)

Ms. Mary Martin (North Brookfield)

Ms. Nancy Lowry (Amherst)

Mr. Mike Young (Longmeadow)

This booklet describes the various positions open for election at the October 26 & 27, 2018 Diocesan Convention.

Positions to be filled are those that expire at the 2018 Convention and the Disciplinary Board positions that expire on December 31, 2018.

Incumbents who plan to be re-nominated must complete a nomination form.

The Standing Committee

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the Bishop. Its primary duties include approving candidates for the ordination process, granting consent to Episcopal elections throughout the country, responding to tasks asked for by the Bishop or canon law, and approving the purchase and sale of any church property. Whenever the diocese is without a bishop, the Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, a situation in which the responsibilities increase dramatically. Each member has a specific role. In addition to the offices of President and Secretary, two members provide liaison with the Commission on Ministry, and two are responsible for property concerns. All members must be prepared to help set policy and oversee the life of our diocese.

The Committee consists of four Presbyters, who are canonically and actually resident in the diocese, and four Laypersons, who are confirmed, adult communicants of this Church in good standing and actually resident in this Diocese, elected in rotation for four-year terms. Members may serve two consecutive four-year terms, in addition to any prior time filling a vacancy.

The Standing Committee meets every other month, excluding the summer.

Clerical Members

The Rev. Catherine Munz

The Rev. Carolyn Jones

The Rev. Sam Smith

The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud

Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2018 (*not eligible to run, completed two full terms*)

Convention of 2019

Convention of 2020

Convention of 2021

Lay Members

Ms. Nancy Lowry

Ms. Christina Loy

Mr. Peter Kite

Ms. Wende Wheeler

Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2018 (*not eligible to run, completed two full terms*)

Convention of 2019

Convention of 2020

Convention of 2021

The Diocesan Council

Between meetings of the Diocesan Convention, the Diocesan Council has the authority to speak for the Convention, to carry out the basic policies established by the Convention, and work with the Bishop to provide oversight to the diocese as a whole. The Council acts between Conventions as the fiscal authority for the Diocese and ratifies executive staff appointments of the Bishop. The Council serves as the Board of Directors of the Diocese. Members must bring a broad perspective to the evaluation of reports from other diocesan committees, staff and missionaries.

The Council shall consist of the Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee (as Vice President), the Secretary of the Convention and the Treasurer of the Diocese, plus one (1) representative appointed by the Trustees for the Diocese, and ten (10) other persons to be elected by the Convention, from the Corridors, as follows:

- Worcester Corridor –two (2) Clerics and two (2) Lay Persons;
- Valley Corridor – two (2) Clerics and two (2) Lay Persons;
- Berkshire Corridor – one (1) Cleric and one (1) Lay Person

Members may serve two consecutive terms, in addition to any prior time filling a vacancy.

The Diocesan Council meets every other month, excluding the summer, with one full day retreat scheduled in February.

Officers and Appointed Members

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher, President
The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud, Vice President
The Rev. Mac Murray, Secretary
Mr. Wayne Gass, Treasurer
Mr. Frank Minasian, Trustee Representative

Clerical Members

The Rev. José Reyes Pérez
The Rev. Jesse Abell
The Rev. Janet Zimmerman
The Rev. Heather Blais
Open

Corridor

Worcester
Worcester
Berkshire
Valley
Valley

Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2018 (*end of 1st full term*)
Convention of 2019
Convention of 2019
Convention of 2020
Convention of 2020

Lay Members

Mr. John Cheek
Mr. Mark Rogers
Ms. Janet Walsh Young
Mr. Richard Delorme
Ms. Donna Christian

Corridor

Berkshire
Worcester
Valley
Worcester
Valley

Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2018 (*not eligible to run, completed two full terms*)
Convention of 2018 (*end of partial term*)
Convention of 2019
Convention of 2020
Convention of 2020

The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral

The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral is the equivalent of the vestry of a church. The word “Chapter” refers to the practice in medieval cathedrals of monks meeting to conduct the business of the cathedral and of reading a chapter of the Bible at their gatherings.

The Charter of Christ Church Cathedral states that the Chapter has “the care and management of the temporal affairs of the Cathedral, and the determination of such spiritual matters of administration as may be referred to it by the Bishop or by the Dean.” The Bishop of the Diocese is the presiding officer of the Chapter. The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral meets three times a year. The Executive Committee, chaired by the Dean of the Cathedral, meets to conduct the business of the Cathedral on the other months of the year.

Three lay persons, traditionally (not required) one from a church in each corridor of the Diocese – and three clergy, also traditionally (not required) one from each corridor – are elected at Diocesan Convention to serve on the Cathedral Chapter. They help to bring the concerns of the Diocese to the Cathedral, they offer guidance in the Cathedral’s role as the “mother church” of the Diocese, and they enhance the bonds of fellowship and ministry between the Cathedral and the churches of the Diocese. Members may serve two full terms (six consecutive years) and may be re-elected after the expiration of at least one year.

<u>Lay Representatives</u>	<u>Corridor</u>	<u>Term of Office Expires</u>
Dr. Deborah Harmon Hines	Worcester	Convention of 2018 (<i>end of 1st full term</i>)
Hon. Judith Phillips	Valley	Convention of 2019
Ms. Laurie Glover	Berkshire	Convention of 2020

<u>Diocesan Honorary Canons</u>	<u>Corridor</u>	<u>Term of Office Expires</u>
Open	Worcester	Convention of 2018
Open	Valley	Convention of 2019
The Rev. Michael Tuck	Berkshire	Convention of 2020

Disciplinary Board

The Disciplinary Board consists of four clerical members and three lay members. The Disciplinary Board is an adjudicatory body to hear and determine charges of Offenses and misconduct against members of the clergy, all as defined in Title IV of the canons of the Episcopal Church. It is helpful, but not essential, for members to have an understanding of the legal process. The Province conducts periodic one-day training seminars for all Board members. Members may serve two full terms (six consecutive years) and may be re-elected after the expiration of at least one year.

<u>Clerical Members</u>	<u>Term of Office Expires</u>
The Rev. Janet Zimmerman	December 31, 2018 (<i>end of 1st full term</i>)
The Rev. Tanya Wallace	December 31, 2019
The Rev. Jesse Abell	December 31, 2019
The Rev. Barbara Thrall	December 31, 2020

<u>Lay Members</u>	<u>Term of Office Expires</u>
Ms. Beth Baldwin	December 31, 2018 (<i>end of 1st full term</i>)
Kathleen O’Connor	December 31, 2019
Mr. Robert C. Ware	December 31, 2020

Provincial Synod

Synod deputies meet together with others from the various dioceses of Province I. Various subcommittees coordinate activities that can be shared among the dioceses.

One Clerical Deputy and one Clerical Alternate Deputy to the Provincial Synod are elected at the Annual Convention held in a year in which the General Convention meets. The Clerical Representative shall be a Presbyter or a Deacon canonically resident in the Diocese. One Lay Deputy and one Lay Alternate Deputy to the Provincial Synod are elected at the Annual Convention held in the year following that in which the General Convention meets. The Lay Representative shall be a confirmed, adult communicant of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese. The Annual Meeting of the Synod is held in November.

Lay Members

Ms. Gale McKenzie

Ms. Maggie Sweeney (Alternate)

Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2019

Convention of 2019

Clerical Members

The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud

The Rev. Sam Smith (Alternate)

Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2018

Convention of 2018