



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2019)

Date: 08/01/2019 For the position of Lay Deputy - General Convention

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of Jason Blais
(Name in full, as he or she signs it)

Saints James & Andrew - Greenfield, MA
(Congregation of Nominee)

She / He has given consent to this Nomination and, if elected, will serve in accord with the terms and responsibilities assigned to that particular office. Also, the three undersigned delegates or delegates-elect of the Diocesan Convention have consented to this nomination. At least two of the undersigned must represent Congregations other than that of which the nominee is a member.

(Signed) Celan Kurkulonis (Parish) Saints James and Andrew

(Signed) The Rev. Vicki IX (Parish) St. John's, Ashfield

(Signed) W. M. Murray + (Parish) Trinity, Milford

Via email

FOR THE PERSON NOMINATED: Please submit your answers to the following questions. Please type or write legibly in black ink, and keep your answers brief.

1. List any elected or appointed positions or ministries held at the parish, diocesan, provincial and/or national church level.
2. Provide a 40-50 word Statement on why you seek to serve in the office for which you are being nominated.
3. Provide a 40-50 word Statement on issues that you believe are important in the life of the diocese and the church.
4. OPTION: Provide a short 2-3 minute YouTube video that covers the above questions.

Return this nomination form by August 30, 2019 to:
The Secretary of Convention
The Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass.
37 Chestnut Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Questions & Answers for Jason Blais
2019 Nomination for: Lay Deputy - General Conventional

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Saints James and Andrew, Greenfield, MA 2013-Present

Chair, Gardening Committee, 2013-Present

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hallowell, ME 2004-2011

Vestry, 5 years

Convention Delegate, 3 Conventions

Episcopal Diocese of Maine, 2004 - 2013

Leader, various Youth and Young Adult events

2. Provide a 40-50 word Statement on why you seek to serve in the office for which you are being nominated.

I seek to serve as a Lay Deputy to General Convention because I want to be involved in the wider church as we seek to live into our baptismal covenant, by respecting the dignity of every human being, especially as we address inequality, gun violence, and poverty.

3. Provide a 40-50 word Statement on issues that you believe are important in the life of the diocese and the church.

General Convention leads by example as it passes resolutions to address the issues of inequality, poverty, and gun violence. We are in a unique position to show a loving and faithful response to these issues, from the local to an international level.