



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2019)

Date: 08/14/2019 For the position of General Convention Deputy 2021

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

Grace, Great Barrington
(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) _____ (Parish) CHRIST TRINITY CHURCH
(Signed) John Cheek (Parish) Grace, Great Barrington
(Signed) The Rev. Sam Smith (p.2 email) (Parish) St. Paul's Stockbridge

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

Duplication of this form is permitted, or additional copies may be obtained from the Secretary of Convention.

John Cheek, General Convention Deputy nomination form

Vestry Grace Church Great Barrington

Diocesan Transition committee

Diocesan Council 7 years

Currently serving on 2 other sub committees of Diocesan Council

General Convention Deputy: 2006 (alternate); 2009; 2012 (member Evangelism Committee); 2015 and 2018 (member Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music Committee)

It is my hope to continue serving the Church at General Convention using my long experience there in making good choices for its future. In these difficult and controversial times, it is vital for the Church to stand up for the Gospel in protecting the poor and vulnerable. Being a follower of Jesus demands this of us.

Issues of importance will include work on a new Book of Common Prayer with more inclusive language, planning for a new hymnal, gathering liturgical, musical, and instructional resources for the digital age, dealing with persistent racism in the church and society, and continuing to find new ways of being church and living out the Gospel.