



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2018)

Date: 6/8/2018 For the position of Diocesan Council

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of J. Eliot B. Mass
(Name in full, as he or she signs it)
Non-parochial clergy (Mostly at Grace, Amherst)
(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) Patricia McCall (Parish) Church of The Atonement (Westfield)

(Signed) Catherine A. Murray (Parish) St. John's, Northampton

(Signed) Laura Webb Stewart (Parish) Atonement, Westfield

1. Elected/appointed positions/ministries:

- General Convention Deputy and co-Chair of Deputation, 2007-2010
- General Convention Alternate, 2005-2007, 2010-2013
- Diocesan Council, 2008-2014
- Cathedral Chapter, 2006-2014
- Member, Committee to respond to Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music concerning same-sex blessings
- Vicar, St. John's, Ashfield, 2008-2013
- Assisting Priest, Atonement, Westfield, 2005-2008
- Deacon, Atonement, Westfield, 2004-2005
- Member, Diocesan Spiritual Formation Mission Team 2003-2006
- Annual Convention Delegate (Grace, Amherst) 2002
- Ministry Intern, St. Philip's, Easthampton, 2001-2003
- Ministry Intern, Atonement, Westfield, 2003-2004
- Parish Vestry, Grace Amherst 1994-1997
- Various parish ministries, Grace, Amherst, 1994-2004

2. Why I seek to serve in this office:

Council is developing new ways to engage congregations around the various ways in which they can grow and strengthen, and in offering them better tools to assess where they are and have been. I have been assisting with some of those tools, and feel well prepared to expand my role in bringing them to maturity. I have some experience with a number of congregations in my corridor, and previous Council experience that will also be useful.

3. Issues I believe are important in the life of the diocese and the church:

There are so many! They can be summed up in "change". In the past decade we have been through a number of congregational reconfigurations. Possibly there will be more of these, but this seems to be a time of expanding mission and spiritual growth, of increased collaboration, and also of living into diversity. The task before Council is how to invest the resources of the Diocese (not just money) wisely to advance God's dream here in Western Massachusetts, and that is a task I would take up with enthusiasm.