



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2019)

Date: 10/14/19 For the position of Deputy to General Convention

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of J. Eliot B. Moss
(Name in full, as he or she signs it)

St. John's, Athol + St. Paul's Gardner
(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) Mark T. Cole (Parish) ST. JOHN'S - ATHOL
(Signed) Justin Scherm (Parish) Sts. James + Andrew, Greenfield
(Signed) Thomas K. Symant (Parish) GRACE CHURCH AMHERST

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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Information requested with nomination

Eliot Moss, Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention 2021

1. Elected/appointed positions/ministries:

Having served in various parish positions at Grace, Amherst, I discerned a calling to service as a part-time priest. After interning at St. Philip's, Easthampton and Atonement, Westfield, I was ordained deacon, and then priest in 2005. 2008-2017 I served as Vicar, St. John's, Ashfield, and am current Bridge Priest at St. John's, Athol and St. Paul's, Gardner. At the diocesan level I have served two terms on Council, and am now serving a third, two terms on Cathedral Chapter, and have done some committee work. I have attended several General Conventions, but only once as a Deputy (and co-chair of the deputation), and once as an Alternate. In 2003 I served as a legislative aide at General Convention, which familiarized me with convention processes and organization.

2. Why I seek to serve in this office:

We have more work to do on inclusiveness and reconciliation. We need to face the cultural shifts of the 21st century and toward part-time clergy. I want to see small, and large, congregations thrive. I think my range of experience and perspective enable me help in the conversation.

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

We still need work on sexuality, and on how to relate to 21st century people. How will worship materials evolve in the electronic age (my other job is computer science). How does common prayer stay in common, while allowing some innovation? How can all our congregations grow spiritually in mission?