



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
 NOMINATION FORM (2019)

Date: 9/30/19 For the position of Disciplinary Board

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of REV. PATRICIA M O'Connell, DEACON  
 (Name in full, as he or she signs it)

UNASSIGNED AT PRESENT  
 (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) The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud<sup>t</sup> (Parish) Atonement

(Signed) Pamela Matt (Parish) WMA staff

(Signed) Karen Spitzer (Parish) Christ the King - Epiphany

**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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### **Response to Questions**

Position on Disciplinary Board

Rev. Patricia M. O'Connell, Deacon

September 27, 2019

#### **1. List any elected or appointed positions or ministries held at the parish, diocesan, provincial and/or national church level.**

Baptized and confirmed within the Roman Catholic Church, as well as having taken Final Vows as a Religious Sister of Mercy.

Received into the Episcopal Church May 2007

Active participation within the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Wilbraham included the following: 1) Worship Leader, 2) Leader of Morning Prayer, 3) Lay Preacher, and 4) Vestry member (2007-2009); Senior Warden for the vestry (2011 & 2012); and Vestry Clerk (2013 & 2014).

Delegate to the Diocesan Convention from the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany at least twice.

Ordained as a Deacon for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts in June 2017

Elected to the Board of Examining Chaplains at the Diocesan Convention 2018

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

I submit that my professional background as both an attorney and an educator make me an ideal candidate for the disciplinary board. I am an experienced court investigator of issues pertaining to the abuse/neglect of children. I have a track record of treating people fairly and justly.

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

Bishop Fisher has set the bar high for the social, moral fiber of our diocese. Our church mission is mercy, hope, and compassion. It is incumbent upon all of us to not just talk the talk of "God is love", we must walk the walk of loving one another.