



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
 NOMINATION FORM (2018)

Date: 10/25/18 For the position of Lay Member of the Disciplinary Board

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

Grace Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires  
 (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) Lee Cheek (Parish) Grace Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

(Signed) Pam Mott (Parish) Diocese of W Mass

(Signed) Wende Wheeler (Parish) St. Andrew's Longmeadow

**Elected or appointed positions or ministries held at the parish, diocesan, provincial and/or national church level.**

- Grace Episcopal Church NYC:
  - Jr. Warden, Adult Supervisor Youth Ministry, Sunday School Teacher for 5 years, served on two search committees
- St. James Episcopal Church , Great Barrington, Ma.
  - Jr. Warden, Sunday School Teacher, Chairman Search Committee, Finance Committee
- Grace Church an Episcopal Community to the Southern Berkshires
  - Search Committee, Altar Guild, Youth Ministry, Supervisor Gideon's Garden for 10 years

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

I have always felt that congregations are called to support and respect their priests. Serving our Lord Jesus calls us all into a community of respect and care for others. Clergy represents the service of love, compassion, guidance and honesty that Jesus has called them into as priests serving their congregations. Members of our churches should expect to be served and led by our priests with integrity, love, honesty doing no harm to any person. When we are asked to bring forward any acts of harm or dishonesty done by a member of clergy we must enter into prayer and discernment investigating all accusations. We should be aware of the presence of God in one another and listen deeply to all involved.

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

Church without walls is the way I describe my Grace Church community. I believe all our congregations are called to work together in our communities so that more people can see the church as one and not divided. Our youth are in trouble in our Middle and High Schools dealing with drug addiction and alcohol addiction. Our youth struggle with depression resulting in more suicide attempts and need help from God's people . I believe the church must be better educated and active in the area of Opioid Abuse. Be active in helping Immigrants adjust to a new land by meeting their basic needs and standing along side greeting them as friends and neighbors. Going outside our church walls to spread the love of Jesus requires us to be active, to get involved and learn what God wants us to see. I am blessed by God's love for me and I am called to share his love with all.