



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2018)

Date: 10/21/18 For the position of Diocesan Council

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of Richard Gore Jr.
(Name in full, as he or she signs it)

Grace Church, Gt. 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) <u>[Signature]</u>	(Parish) <u>St. Paul's Stockbridge</u>
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(Signed) <u>[Signature]</u>	(Parish) <u>Grace Church, Great Barrington.</u>

Appointed Positions: I was a Senior Warden and Junior Warden at the former St. George's Church in Lee, MA. I currently am the Junior Warden of Grace Church in Gt. Barrington, MA. For many years and currently participate at the Lee Food Pantry with shopping for supplies and other duties as needed.

Statement on why I am seeking a position of the Diocesan Council: I would like to get more involved at the diocesan level after being a Warden at 2 churches for over 20 years. As the church adapts to changing views on Social Justice, Addiction and LBGT concerns, I feel I have an open mind and would be of value to the council.

Issues that are important to the life of the Diocese and the Church: Finding new ways to reach out to those who do not go to a formal church setting. As our Sunday numbers decrease and less younger families are going to church, we need to look and try new ways of reaching those that need the church. Our Vestry just finished reading the book My Church Is NOT Dying by Greg Garrett which discussed many different ideas on this subject. I am from Grace Church in Gt. Barrington where we meet each Sunday in a Banquet Hall that is owned by a brewery.