



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
NOMINATION FORM (2020)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ For the position of \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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) \_\_\_\_\_ (Parish) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- All candidates must submit a completed nomination form even if they are standing for reelection.
- 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; they can be any combination of clergy or lay.
- Duplication of this form is permitted.
- Due to COVID-19 we have adapted our process. Signatures may take the form of an email from the signer to the Secretary of Convention confirming nomination.

**Return this nomination form, via email ONLY, by August 30, 2020 to: The Secretary of Convention, Wende Wheeler at wende.wheeler@gmail.com**

#### Positions held:

Secretary to the Vestry	St. Marks Church, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
Member of the Vestry	St. Marks Church, Washington, D.C.
Member of the Vestry	St. John's Church, Williamstown, Ma. (2 separate terms)
Senior Warden, 4 yrs.	St. John's Church, Williamstown, Ma.
Member, Diocesan Disciplinary Board	

#### Why I seek the office

I believe every parishioner in the Diocese should be prepared to assist the Diocese if asked, as I was. As an attorney who has practiced in Berkshire County for over thirty years and has participated in numerous trials and hearings, I believe my experience could be of assistance in the difficult matters which could come before the Board. I understand the concepts of due process and fairness in the conduct of investigations and hearings.

#### Issues of Importance

The primary issue is how we spread God's message throughout our communities. We must be sensitive to issues of race, gender and gender identity and must be vigilant to assure that our parishes, boards and committees are open to all and free of any discrimination.