



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
 NOMINATION FORM (2019)

Date: 8/15/2019 For the position of: **Diocesan Council**

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of: **Janet Walsh Young**  
 (Name in full, as he or she signs it)

**St. Andrew's Longmeadow**  
 (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) Susan A. Alneidey (Parish) St. Mark's Church

(Signed) Heather Brais (Parish) Saints James + Andrew, Greenfield

(Signed) Rowland Hawthorn (Parish) St. Andrew's, Longmeadow

via email

**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

Duplication of this form is permitted, or additional copies may be obtained from the Secretary of Convention.

**Question 1:**

At St. Andrew's in Longmeadow I currently serve on the prayer ministry team. I am also chair of the Transition Team during the tenure of our Interim Rector through the "settling in" for our next Rector. Previously I have served on Vestry, including warden positions for 9 years, stewardship team, co-chair of a prior Rector Search Committee, and a lay reader.

On the diocesan level I have just completed a three-year term on Diocesan Council.

**Question 2:**

I would like to serve another three-year term on Diocesan Council to be able to continue working on exciting new initiatives begun during my first term:

- Sub-committee to help congregations discern strengths, new opportunities or direction as God reveals.
- Coaching program to work with clergy and churches.

**Question 3:**

I believe the Diocese and the Church share two critically important issues:

Safety – currently immigration and gun control are in the forefront with the Diocese.

Environmental Stewardship – through the Diocese's Creation Care leadership, many areas of need are addressed nationally, internationally and locally.

Each church through prayer, can discern how best to support and contribute in these areas with the Diocese and within their own church to achieve the greatest success.