



# THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

## Committee on Nominations ~ Nomination Booklet

June 2020

*Ms. Nancy Lowry (Amherst) & Mr. Mike Young (Longmeadow) Co-Chairs*

### *Members of the 2020 Nomination Committee*

*The Rev. Heather Blais (Greenfield)*

*Ms. Sue Gore (Lee)*

*The Rev. Tom Damrosch (Pittsfield)*

*Ms. Mary Martin (North Brookfield)*

*Ms. Barbara Groves (Holden)*

*The Rev. Dave Woessner (Worcester)*

**This booklet describes the various positions open for election at the November 7, 2020 Diocesan Convention.**

**Positions to be filled are those that expire at the 2020 Convention and the Disciplinary Board positions that expire on December 31, 2020.**

**Incumbents who plan to be re-nominated must complete a nomination form.**

## **The Standing Committee**

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the Bishop. Its primary duties include approving candidates for the ordination process, granting consent to Episcopal elections throughout the country, responding to tasks asked for by the Bishop or canon law, and approving the purchase and sale of any church property. Whenever the diocese is without a bishop, the Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, a situation in which the responsibilities increase dramatically. Each member has a specific role. In addition to the offices of President and Secretary, two members provide liaison with the Commission on Ministry, and two are responsible for property concerns. All members must be prepared to help set policy and oversee the life of our diocese.

The Committee consists of four Presbyters, who are canonically and actually resident in the diocese, and four Laypersons, who are confirmed, adult communicants of this Church in good standing and actually resident in this Diocese, elected in rotation for four-year terms. Members may serve two consecutive four-year terms, in addition to any prior time filling a vacancy.

The Standing Committee meets every other month, excluding the summer.

### **Clerical Members**

#### **The Rev. Sam Smith**

The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud

The Rev. Tanya Wallace

The Rev. Carolyn Jones

### **Term of Office Expires**

**Convention of 2020 (eligible, end of 1<sup>st</sup> term)**

Convention of 2021

Convention of 2022

Convention of 2023

### **Lay Members**

#### **Mr. Peter Kite**

Ms. Wende Wheeler

Ms. Phyllis Larson

Ms. Christina Loy

### **Term of Office Expires**

**Convention of 2020 (eligible; end of 1<sup>st</sup> full term)**

Convention of 2021

Convention of 2022

Convention of 2023

## The Diocesan Council

Between meetings of the Diocesan Convention, the Diocesan Council has the authority to speak for the Convention, to carry out the basic policies established by the Convention, and work with the Bishop to provide oversight to the diocese as a whole. The Council acts between Conventions as the fiscal authority for the Diocese and ratifies executive staff appointments of the Bishop. The Council serves as the Board of Directors of the Diocese. Members must bring a broad perspective to the evaluation of reports from other diocesan committees, staff and missionaries.

The Council shall consist of the Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee (as Vice President), the Secretary of the Convention and the Treasurer of the Diocese, plus one (1) representative appointed by the Trustees for the Diocese, and ten (10) other persons to be elected by the Convention, from the Corridors, as follows:

- Worcester Corridor –two (2) Clerics and two (2) Lay Persons;
- Valley Corridor – two (2) Clerics and two (2) Lay Persons;
- Berkshire Corridor – one (1) Cleric and one (1) Lay Person

Members may serve two consecutive three-year terms, in addition to any prior time filling a vacancy.

The Diocesan Council meets every other month, excluding the summer, with one full day retreat scheduled in February.

### **Officers and Appointed Members**

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher, President  
The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud, Vice President  
Ms. Wende Wheeler, Secretary  
Mr. Wayne Gass, Treasurer  
Mr. Frank Minasian, Trustee Representative

<b><u>Clerical Members</u></b>	<b><u>Corridor</u></b>	<b><u>Term of Office Expires</u></b>
<b>The Rev. Heather Blais</b>	<b>Valley</b>	<b>Convention of 2020 (<i>not eligible, end of 2<sup>nd</sup> full term</i>)</b>
The Rev. Eliot Moss	Valley	Convention of 2021
The Rev. José Reyes Pérez	Worcester	Convention of 2021
The Rev. Dcn Beth Washburn	Worcester	Convention of 2022
The Rev. Janet Zimmerman	Berkshire	Convention of 2022

<b><u>Lay Members</u></b>	<b><u>Corridor</u></b>	<b><u>Term of Office Expires</u></b>
<b>Mr. Richard Delorme</b>	<b>Worcester</b>	<b>Convention of 2020 (<i>eligible, end of 1<sup>st</sup> full term</i>)</b>
<b>Ms. Donna Christian</b>	<b>Valley</b>	<b>Convention of 2020 (<i>not eligible, end of 2<sup>nd</sup> full term</i>)</b>
Mr. Mark Rogers	Worcester	Convention of 2021
Mr. Richard Gore	Berkshire	Convention of 2021
Ms. Janet Walsh Young	Valley	Convention of 2022

# The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral

The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral is the equivalent of the vestry of a church. The word “Chapter” refers to the practice in medieval cathedrals of monks meeting to conduct the business of the cathedral and of reading a chapter of the Bible at their gatherings.

The Charter of Christ Church Cathedral states that the Chapter has “the care and management of the temporal affairs of the Cathedral, and the determination of such spiritual matters of administration as may be referred to it by the Bishop or by the Dean.” The Bishop of the Diocese is the presiding officer of the Chapter. The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral meets three times a year. The Executive Committee, chaired by the Dean of the Cathedral, meets to conduct the business of the Cathedral on the other months of the year.

Three lay persons, traditionally (not required) one from a church in each corridor of the Diocese – and three clergy, also traditionally (not required) one from each corridor – are elected at Diocesan Convention to serve on the Cathedral Chapter. They help to bring the concerns of the Diocese to the Cathedral, they offer guidance in the Cathedral’s role as the “mother church” of the Diocese, and they enhance the bonds of fellowship and ministry between the Cathedral and the churches of the Diocese. Members may serve two full terms (six consecutive years) and may be re-elected after the expiration of at least one year.

<u>Lay Representatives</u>	<u>Corridor</u>	<u>Term of Office Expires</u>
<b>Ms. Laurie Glover</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>	<b>Convention of 2020 (<i>eligible; end of 1<sup>st</sup> full term</i>)</b>
Dr. Deborah Harmon Hines	Worcester	Convention of 2021
Hon. Judith Phillips	Valley	Convention of 2022

<u>Diocesan Honorary Canons</u>	<u>Corridor</u>	<u>Term of Office Expires</u>
<b>The Rev. Michael Tuck</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>	<b>Convention of 2020 (<i>eligible, end of 1<sup>st</sup> full term</i>)</b>
The Rev. Beth Washburn	Worcester	Convention of 2021
The Rev. Harvey Hill	Valley	Convention of 2021

## Disciplinary Board

The Disciplinary Board consists of four clerical members and three lay members. The Disciplinary Board is an adjudicatory body to hear and determine charges of offenses and misconduct against members of the clergy, all as defined in Title IV of the canons of the Episcopal Church. It is helpful, but not essential, for members to have an understanding of the legal process. The Province conducts periodic one-day training seminars for all Board members. Members may serve two full terms (six consecutive years) and may be re-elected after the expiration of at least one year.

<u>Clerical Members</u>	<u>Term of Office Expires</u>
<b>The Rev. Barbara Thrall</b>	<b>December 31, 2020 (<i>not eligible, end of 2<sup>nd</sup> full term</i>)</b>
The Rev. Jane Beebe	December 31, 2021
The Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer	December 31, 2022
The Rev. Dcn. Patricia O’Connell	December 31, 2022

<u>Lay Members</u>	<u>Term of Office Expires</u>
<b>Mr. Robert C. Ware</b>	<b>December 31, 2020 (<i>eligible, end of 1<sup>st</sup> full term</i>)</b>
Ms. Pennie Curry	December 31, 2021
Ms. Mary Martin	December 31, 2022

# Provincial Synod

Synod deputies meet together with others from the various dioceses of Province I. Various subcommittees coordinate activities that can be shared among the dioceses.

One Clerical Deputy and one Clerical Alternate Deputy to the Provincial Synod are elected at the Annual Convention held in a year in which the General Convention meets. The Clerical Representative shall be a Presbyter or a Deacon canonically resident in the Diocese. One Lay Deputy and one Lay Alternate Deputy to the Provincial Synod are elected at the Annual Convention held in the year following that in which the General Convention meets. The Lay Representative shall be a confirmed, adult communicant of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese. The Annual Meeting of the Synod is held in November.

## **Lay Members**

Ms. Maggie Sweeney  
Vacant (Alternate)

## **Term of Office Expires**

Convention of 2022  
Convention of 2022

## **Clerical Members**

The Rev. Harvey Hill  
The Rev. Jane Beebe (Alternate)

## **Term of Office Expires**

Convention of 2021  
Convention of 2021

## **General Convention Deputies and Alternates**

~ The Next General Convention will be held in June 30-July 9, 2021 in Baltimore, MD~

At the Annual Meeting of the Diocese in the calendar year two years preceding a triennial meeting of the General Convention, eight members of the Clergy and eight Laypersons shall be elected as Deputies and Alternate Deputies to represent the Diocese at the General Convention. The four (4) candidates in each Order receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as Deputies. The four candidates in each Order receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected as Alternate Deputies, to serve, as needed, in the order of the number of votes received.

The Clerical Deputies and Alternate Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters or Deacons canonically resident in the Diocese. The Lay Deputies and Alternate Lay Deputies shall be confirmed adult communicants of the Church in the Diocese.

Deputies and Alternate Deputies serve any number of three year terms. Deputies (and the First Alternate Deputies) should be able to give up two full weeks of their professional and family obligations and should be prepared to devote full days at the Convention – normally 7:30am – 10 pm. There is a significant amount of reading and preparation beforehand, and a detailed process of reporting back to the diocese afterward. Deputies and Alternate Deputies should be organized, faithful, dedicated and leaders, able to vote according to both their informed conscience and their sense of the will of the diocese as a whole.

Alternate Deputies are seated on the floor of the convention when a Deputy is unable to be present for any reason. The Diocese pays for all Deputies and the First Alternate Deputy in each order to be present at General Convention.

### **Clerical Deputies**

**The Rev. Nancy W. Stroud**  
**The Rev. José Reyes**  
**The Rev. Tanya Wallace**  
**The Rev. Sam Smith**

### **Term of Office Expires**

**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**

### **Clerical Alternate Deputies**

**The Eliot Moss**  
**Vacant**  
**Vacant**  
**Vacant**

### **Term of Office Expires**

**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**

### **Lay Deputies**

**Ms. Maggie Sweeney**  
**Ms. Meg Galbreath**  
**Mr. John Cheek**  
**Ms. Zena Link**

### **Term of Office Expires**

**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**

### **Lay Alternate Deputies**

**Mr. Jason Blais**  
**Mr. Phillip Shearin**  
**Mr. Mike Young**  
**Vacant**

### **Term of Office Expires**

**Convention of 2022**  
**Convention of 2022**  
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