



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
NOMINATION FORM (2021)

Date: 7/26/2021 For the position of Member of Diocesan Council

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of J. Eliot B. Moss  
(Name in full, as he or she signs it)

St. John's, Athol  
(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) Mark Cole (Parish) St. John's, Athol

(Signed) Heather Blais (Parish) Sts. James' and Andrew's, Greenfield

(Signed) Tom Synan (Parish) Grace, Amherst

**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, 2021 to: The Secretary of Convention, Wende Wheeler at [wende.wheeler@gmail.com](mailto:wende.wheeler@gmail.com)**

Information requested with nomination

Eliot Moss, Nomination for Diocesan Council 2021

1. Elected/appointed positions/ministries:

General Convention Deputy and co-Chair of Deputation, 2007-2010  
General Convention Alternate, 2005-2007, 2010-2013  
Diocesan Council, 2008-2014, 2018-2021  
Cathedral Chapter, 2006-2014  
Member, Committee to respond to Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music  
concerning same-sex blessings  
Priest-in-charge, St. John's, Athol, 2021-  
Bridge/Interim Priest, St. John's, Athol, St. Paul's, Gardner, 2019-2021  
Vicar, St. John's, Ashfield, 2008-2013  
Assisting Priest, Atonement, Westfield, 2005-2008  
Deacon, Atonement, Westfield, 2004-2005  
Member, Diocesan Spiritual Formation Mission Team 2003-2006  
Annual Convention Delegate (Grace, Amherst) 2002  
Ministry Intern, St. Philip's, Easthampton, 2001-2003  
Ministry Intern, Atonement, Westfield, 2003-2004  
Parish Vestry, Grace Amherst 1994-1997  
Various parish ministries, Grace, Amherst, 1994-2004

2. Why I seek to serve in this office:

Council is developing new ways to engage congregations around the various ways in which they can grow and strengthen, and in offering them better tools to assess where they are and have been. I have been assisting with some of those tools, and feel well prepared to expand my role in bringing them to maturity. I have some experience with a number of congregations in my corridor, and previous Council experience that will also be useful.

3. Issues I believe are important in the life of the diocese and the church:

There are so many! They can be summed up in "change". In the past decade we have been through a number of congregational reconfigurations. And then COVID forced previously inconceivable change upon us all. This is a time of increased collaboration, and of living into diversity. The task before Council is how to help congregations recover in a forward facing way, and to invest the resources of the Diocese (not just money) wisely to advance God's dream here in Western Massachusetts.