



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
 NOMINATION FORM (2022)

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 / They 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.

(Print) _____ (Signed) _____ (Parish) _____

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NOTE: Signatures may be submitted via this form, or may take the form of an email to the Secretary of Convention indicating the endorser's support.

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 delegates or delegates-elect of the Diocesan Convention listed above 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. _

Return this nomination form, via email ONLY, by August 30, 2022 to: The Secretary of Convention, Wende Wheeler at wende.wheeler@gmail.com

John Cheek General Convention Deputy

I have served as a General Convent Deputy in 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018 and 2022 and as a serving alternate in 2006. On the diocesan level, I was a member of the Bishop Transition Committee in 2012, Served on Diocesan Council for 7 years, Diocesan congregational Vitality Committee, and served as a coach for Loving the Question participants. At Grace, I have served on the vestry, chair of the Rector search committee and chair of the Stewardship committee and am now director of the choir.

The shortened General Convention this year necessitated the postponement of many important issues to 2024. The Church needs to modernize our liturgy while keeping the old forms for those who desire them. We must grapple with the continued shrinkage of membership and redefine our measures of congregational and diocesan vitality. The pandemic has brought much change and opportunity and we must adapt to that. The younger leaders elected this summer in Baltimore give me much hope for a brighter and more dynamic church