



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

Nomination Form - Deputy to General Convention
Meg Galbreath

1. List any elected or appointed positions or ministries held at the parish, diocesan, provincial and/or national church level.

- Lay Deputy to General Convention - 2022
- Vestry 2020-2023, 2015-2018
- Welcome Ministry Leader
- Adult Formation Leader (Guide?)
- Lector
- Rite 13 teacher
- Education for Ministry 2014-2018

2. Provide a 40-50 word Statement on why you seek to serve in the office for which you are being nominated.

Having served as a Lay Deputy this past July I am now very familiar with the processes of General Convention, and am able to “hit the ground running” so to speak. There is a steep learning curve to understanding the “whys” and not just the “hows”. I’ve got it. I have served in many capacities at St. Mark’s - teacher, vestry member, coordinator and leader of a few different ministries. I can see the bigger picture of how a church runs- the finances, the members, the ministries, and how they can all work together for the greater good of God. Lastly, I feel that I am able to represent the Diocese of Western MA, and bring forward our concerns and hopes for the future, with God’s help.

3. Provide a 40-50 word Statement on issues that you believe are important in the life of the diocese and the church.

Number 1) It has become increasingly apparent over the last few years that finding a way to call our parishioners back to church, whether in the physical building or online is imperative. We (as a denomination) need to find new, innovative ways that speak to people’s souls. We must be the innovators and energizers WITHOUT losing the beautiful and Spirit-filled parts of ourselves. What speaks to people on a soul level? What can we give them (and ourselves) that will nourish us, both physically and mentally? Let’s find ways to move our traditions (SO IMPORTANT) forward, and perhaps find new traditions. As the world changes so must we.