



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

1. I am currently a member of the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese. I recently retired as Urban Missioner for Worcester. I have coordinated Laundry Love in Worcester for seven years. I have served on the Standing Committee of the Diocese, including as chair during the search process which led to the election of Bishop Fisher. I have served as clergy deputy to General convention three times—once as an alternate and twice as a deputy. I have served on the Faith and Order Commission of the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

2. I have been the Urban Missioner for Worcester for the past seven years. The seed money which started that ministry came out of a program initiated by General Convention. If we are going to take seriously our call to take the love of Jesus into the streets of our cities and towns, we need to advocate for those who have little voice. I believe I am called to speak on behalf of those who believe the church, writ large, is not interested in them.

3. The church is changing, and we must change with it. The world is full of folks who have deep needs, practical needs, and can be served by our communities. Free meals, diaper pantries, opportunities to use a laundromat, or a simple sandwich or bottle of water can offer not just sustenance, but an opportunity for community, engagement, hope and joy. We have love to share.