



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.

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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 (2022)**

### **Response to Questions**

Position on Disciplinary Board

Rev. Patricia M. O'Connell, Deacon

August 3, 2022

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

Active participation within the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Wilbraham included the following: 1)Worship Leader, 2) Leader of Morning Prayer, 3) Lay Preacher, and 4) Vestry member (2007-2009); Senior Warden for the vestry (2011& 2012); and Vestry Clerk (2013 & 2014). Delegate to the Diocesan Convention from the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany at least twice.

Ordained as a Deacon for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts in June 2017

Elected to the Board of Examining Chaplains at the Diocesan Convention 2018 and have been continuously serving in that capacity.

Elected to the Disciplinary Board at the Diocesan Convention 2019 and have serving as its Chairman since shortly thereafter.

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

I submit that my professional background as both an attorney and an educator make me an ideal candidate for the disciplinary board. I am an experienced court investigator of issues pertaining to the abuse/neglect of children. I have a track record of treating people fairly and justly.

During the time in which I have been serving as Chair of the Disciplinary Board, I have worked in sync with the Rev. Molly Scherm, the diocesan Title IV person.

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

Bishop Fisher has set the bar high for the social, moral fiber of our diocese. Our church mission is mercy, hope, and compassion. It is incumbent upon all of us to not just talk the talk of "God is love", we must walk the walk of loving one another.