



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2021)

Date: July 4, 2021 For the position of Standing Committee - Clerical Member

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of Patrick R. Perkins
(Name in full, as he or she signs it)

St. Francis Church, Holden, MA

(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) The Ven. Shane Griesbach (Parish) St. Francis Church, Holden

(Signed) Richard S. Samuel (Parish) Church of the Good Shepherd, Clinton

(Signed) Wendy Wheeler (Parish) Walking Together, Worcester

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

Dear Wende,

Below are my answers to questions 1 -3 of the Nominations Form (2021) for the position of Clerical Member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. I hope to provide you the short video before the end of August, when I return from my time away.

Question 1:

- Rector, St. Francis Episcopal Church, Holden, MA (2014-present)
- Interim Executive Director, UnCommon Ground: Center for Spirituality (2018-present)
- Diocesan Disaster Coordinator (2021-present)
- Diocesan Disaster Planning & Recovery Team (2015-present)

Previous to ordination:

- Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton, IL
 - Warden and Vestry member (2003-2006)
 - Rector Search Committee member (2002)
 - Chair, Stewardship Committee (2002-2006)

Question 2:

Should I be elected to serve, I would seek to bring my unique background of service in ministry and leadership to the work of the Committee. My previous experience as a veteran, a lay church leader, and an ordained clergy member provide me with a broad perspective I hope will contribute valuable insights to our Diocese.

Question 3:

Dioceses and parish churches continue to experience new challenges and changing times, and this was true before 2020! Critical issues in our communal life include effective use of our resources, strategies for future ministries, and effective communications. Innovative thinking to continue our collaborative work will be vital to the life of our Diocese.