



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2021)

Date: July 10, 2021

For the position of Diocesan Council

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of Richard E. Gore, Jr.
(Name in full, as he or she signs it)

Grace Church - Great Barrington
(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) Dindy Anderson (Parish) Grace Church.

(Signed) Sam Smith (Parish) St. Paul's

(Signed) Erik Karas (Parish) Christ Trinity

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

July 7th, 2021

Wende Wheeler
Secretary of Convention
The Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts
Springfield, MA. 01103

RE: Reelection to the Diocesan Council

Hello Wendy,

Here are my answers to the 3 questions that are on the Nomination Form.

- 1) I am currently a Junior Warden at Grace Church in Gt. Barrington, Co-Coordinator of the Lee Food Pantry and also a member of the Diocesan Council.
- 2) I would like to serve another 3 years on the Diocesan Council. Being on the Council allows you to see other aspects of the church but at a diocesan level. Working with other members on different issues has given me a view of how different some congregations are and the difficulties that they are going through. I am also encouraged by the many things that they do to help their congregations and their community.
- 3) Issues that are important to me is helping to grow other congregations. This does not mean just in getting more people in the pew but also how do we encourage others to take on more leadership roles. Many that are in a leadership role have been doing this numerous times. Many are afraid of change but change is good.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 413-441-7036 or email me at rgore@leeaudio.net

Respectfully,

Richard Gore Jr.
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