



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2021)

Date: 8/23/2021

For the position of LAY MEMBER, Diocesan Disciplinary Board

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of

ROBERT D. MERCURIO

(Name in full, as he or she signs it)

CHRIST TRINITY CHURCH

(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) Susan Sieber

(Parish) Grace / Great Barrington

(Signed) Erik Karas

(Parish) Christ Trinity / Sheffield

(Signed) Sam Smith

(Parish) St. Paul's / Stockbridge

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

Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts
Diocesan Disciplinary Board
Nomination Form—Robert D. Mercurio

Responses to nomination form questions:

1. Appointed or elected positions: Treasurer of Christ Trinity Church; Member, Vestry Council of Christ Trinity Church; Christ Trinity Church Delegate to Diocesan Convention 2019; Miscellaneous ministries of Christ Trinity including "Feeding Sheffield" driver/food delivery representative; chalice bearer, lector.
2. Why I seek this position: We are all called to serve God with our time and talents. Having been a lawyer for nearly 50 years, primarily as a litigator charged to determine and present the facts, I believe the Diocesan Disciplinary Board would be an appropriate focus of my work for the Church.
3. Issues important to the life of the diocese and church: As we do God's work today, the Church must present an image of probity and recognize that the public's expectations of us are high. Perfection is beyond us, but when we fall short, we must acknowledge our failings and address them with honesty, transparency and fairness.

Robert D. Mercurio