



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

The Rev. Samuel J. Smith – Nominee for General Convention Deputy (Clergy)

Response to Nominating Form Questions

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

August 18, 2022

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

- Rector of All Saints Church, Worcester.
- Chair, Commission on Ministry for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, 2018-present.
- Clergy Deputy to 80th General Convention (Summer 2022)
- Former Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.
- Member, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, 2016-2021.
- Co-Chair for Diocese of Western Massachusetts Revival with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, 2018.
- Former Alternate Delegate from Diocese of Western Massachusetts to the Provincial Synod.
- Volunteer Assistant to the Office of Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori coordinating "shepherds" for visiting primates from throughout the Anglican Communion at 2009 and 2012 General Conventions.
- Former Director of Programs for Episcopal Charities of the Diocese of New York, overseeing the granting of app. \$1 million annually to parish-based programs to meet human need.

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

How I love the Episcopal Church and especially the Diocese of Western Massachusetts! We are vibrant and healthy. I want to represent this diocese to the wider church, and share in leadership and decision-making so that we might become all that God dreams for us.

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

- Learning to flourish in our current reality – not living in the past
- Living into our baptismal covenant with joy
- Telling our stories, so that others might know the peace of life in Christ
- Smart management of all resources—human, financial, environmental, and more