



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
NOMINATION FORM (2021)

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 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) \_\_\_\_\_ (Parish) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

Wende T. Wheeler  
Nominee for Standing Committee  
St. Andrew's/Longmeadow

October 16, 2021

1) Current and previous positions and ministries:

Parish:

I am currently a co-chair of the Church Without Walls Core Team, and am serving on the Steering Committee for the capital campaign. In the past have served as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, a member of the Vestry, and on the Profile Committee in the search for a new rector. I have also served in the past as chair of the Congregational Development Committee, and as a member of the Stewardship Committee and on the previous Capital Campaign Committee.

Diocese:

I am currently the Secretary of Convention and Diocesan Council. I am serving on the Beloved Community Commission and for many years served as chair of the Nominating Committee. I have also served on the Episcopal Transition Committee, and have received Diocesan training in Conflict Resolution.

2) Statement on why I seek to serve in this office:

I am proud of the role that our Diocese serves in the lives of its people and parishes, and in the life of our Western Massachusetts communities. As people of Christ, we have much to share with those around us. In particular, the Standing Committee provides an important function both in the governance of the Church at the Diocesan level, as well as for The Episcopal Church as a whole.

3) Statement on issues that I believe are important in the life of the church:

In the cacophony of public discourse today, the true, radical, prophetic message of Jesus Christ is often cynically warped, misused and misunderstood. It is imperative for us, as the Church, to find ways in which to share the Good News and to live our faith so that we may be the medicine to a hurting world.