



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
NOMINATION FORM (2025)

Date: 9/19/2025 For the position of Clerical member - Standing Committee.

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 / 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) <u>Ann Seannell</u>	(Signed)	(Parish) <u>Good Shepherd, Clinton</u>
(Print) <u>Meredith Ward</u>	(Signed) <u>[Signature]</u>	(Parish) <u>All Saints Church, Worcester</u>
(Print) <u>Nathaniel Anderson</u>	(Signed)	(Parish) <u>St. John's Church, Williamstown</u>

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, 2025 to: The Secretary of Convention, Wende Wheeler at wende.wheeler@gmail.com

Patrick Perkins, Nominee for clerical member of the Standing Committee

Response to Questions for Nomination of Candidate for Standing Committee

Elected and Appointed Positions held:

- Executive Director, UnCommon Ground, Center for Spirituality (St. Francis Church)
- Standing Committee of the Diocese of WMA (2021-2025, 1st term)
- Diocesan Disaster Coordinator (2022-present)
- Member of the Trustees of the Diocese of WMA and the Finance Committee (2025-present)

Why I seek to serve on the Standing Committee of the Diocese:

I am interested in serving a second term on the Standing Committee to continue the work I have been performing these past four years. I have been honored to work in various ways as a committee member: serving on the Clergy Compensation Task Force, participating in the process of the election of our next Bishop, and bringing my previous lay person work skills and experience in serving in areas of finance, operations improvements, and providing assistance to smaller resourced parishes. I would be honored to continue this work, should I be elected to a second term.

Issues that I believe are important in the life of the diocese and our parish churches:

I believe some of the most important issues facing our diocese and our parish churches in our current world today include: effective communications within our church communities and beyond the walls of our churches, so that we may be closely connected to our communities and develop relationships of understanding; developing partnerships with other churches and charitable organizations to work together and collaboratively use our various gifts for the benefit of others; and working at the diocesan level to understand the challenges of our parish churches and provide supportive assistance for Christian formation and missional work beyond our walls.