



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS NOMINATION FORM (2025)

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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(Print)	_____	(Signed)	_____	(Parish)	_____

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

Standing Committee Nominee

Joanne LaPlante

Christ the King Epiphany, Wilbraham, MA

Positions/Ministries

Epiphany Church, Wilbraham— vestry member, Junior Warden, Deanery representative, Sunday School teacher, Stewardship Committee, Lay Eucharistic Minister

Member of the working transition/federating team for Epiphany (Episcopal) and Christ the King (Lutheran)

Christ the King Epiphany, Wilbraham – parish council vice chair (2019), parish council chairperson (2020 – 2022), parish council member (2023), currently treasurer; Outreach Co-chair, Fellowship, Finance committee, Church to Go, Lay Eucharistic minister, assisting minister, Sacristan. Participated in Sacred Ground.

When asked to consider this honor, I examined my already involvement within my parish and understood I have the background and working knowledge of the Episcopal church and am continuing to learn about our Lutheran partners in communion. Listening, learning, discerning and praying – all work for me!

Issues I see/believe are important to who we are continue to focus around being in communion with everyone – fight injustice, serve others, pray for our enemies, live the gospel.