



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

Information requested with nomination

Eliot Moss, Nomination for Disciplinary Board 2025

1. Elected/appointed positions/ministries:

General Convention Deputy, 2022

General Convention Deputy and co-Chair of Deputation, 2009

General Convention Alternate, 2006, 2012

Diocesan Council, 2008-2014, 2018-2024

Cathedral Chapter, 2006-2014

Priest-in-charge, St. John's, Athol, 2021-2023

Bridge/Interim Priest, St. John's, Athol, St. Paul's, Gardner, 2019-2021

Vicar, St. John's, Ashfield, 2008-2017

Assisting Priest, Atonement, Westfield, 2005-2008

Deacon, Atonement, Westfield, 2004-2005

2. Why I seek to serve in this office:

The Disciplinary Board is important to me because of the way it supports the integrity of our Church and people's trust in it. I have had experience with similar work with faculty members at my academic institution when they were involved in disciplinary matters. Therefore I feel prepared to handle the essentials of this responsibility, including confidentiality, transparency (within the bounds of confidentiality), fairness, and attention to the canons and the process they require. Further, being retired I am less subject to inappropriate influence while also having long-term experience within the Diocese. I will strive to bring the highest ethical standards to the task, should it be required.

3. Issues I believe are important in the life of the diocese and the church:

In terms of issues relevant to the Disciplinary Board, I think that trust in institutions is unfortunately low in the broader society. Our Diocese's attention to concerns such as Safe Church helps to counter that sinking trust, but our efforts need to be backed up with firm discipline, should there be infractions that rise to that level. We have been through, and continue to face, times of great stress and change for our clergy and congregations, and stress is more likely to lead to misconduct. Also, historical misconduct undermined public trust, which we must continue to work to strengthen.