



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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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

Nomination Form - Supplemental Information
General Convention Deputy or Alternate Deputy
Rev. Heather J. Blais

1. Elected or Appointed Positions

- Youth Missioner, Episcopal Diocese of Maine, Portland, Maine (2006-2007)
- Associate Rector - Grace Episcopal Church, Bath, Maine (2011-2013)
St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Wiscasset, Maine (2011-2013)
- Rector - St. James Episcopal Church, Greenfield, Massachusetts (2013-2017)
Episcopal Church of Saints James and Andrew, Greenfield, Massachusetts (2017-Present)
- Member - Diocese of Western Massachusetts (EDOWM) Diocesan Council (2015-2020)
- Member - EDOWM Diocesan Budget and Financial Planning Committee (2017-2021)
- Member - EDOWM Diocesan Human Resources Committee (2018-2021)
- Member - EDOWM Diocesan Creation Care Leadership Circle (2019-2024)
- Co-Leader - Good News Gardens Initiative MA/WMA (2020-2021)
- Member - Exploring Common Mission Task Force MA/WMA (2020-2022)
- Co-Chair - Liturgical Commission (2024-2025)
- Chair - EDOWM Bishop Search Committee (2025)

2. I seek to serve in this role to support our new bishop and our diocese in engaging in the work of the wider Church - particularly as we look to restructure organizationally at every level of Episcopal governance to better equip our dioceses and parishes for mission and ministry.

3. In addition to streamlining governance, I want to ensure we continue to hold space and resources for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and prioritize making expansive and inclusive liturgy and worship resources easy to navigate and accessible for churches led by lay or clergy leaders.