



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS NOMINATION FORM (2025)

Date: 09/24/25 For the position of General Convention - Lay Delegate

I / we wish to place in nomination the name of Jason Blais
(Name in full, as he or she signs it)
Saints James & Andrew - Greenfield, 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>Julie Carver</u>	(Signed)	<u>[Signature]</u>	(Parish)	<u>S&A</u>
(Print)	<u>Jason Burns</u>	(Signed)	<u>via email</u>	(Parish)	<u>All Saints' South Hadley</u>
(Print)	<u>Anna Woofenden</u>	(Signed)	<u>via email</u>	(Parish)	<u>St. John's Northampton</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

Questions & Answers for Jason Blais

2025 Nomination for: General Conventional - Lay Deputy

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Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts | 2013 - Present

Elected as First Lay Alternate Delegate to 80th General Convention, 2019

July 7-14, 2022 – Baltimore, MD

Withdrawn due to Covid-19 concerns and safety

Saints James & Andrew, Greenfield, MA | 2013 - Present

Chair, Gardening Committee, 2013 - 2025

Lead Usher, 2023 - Present

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hallowell, ME | 2004 - 2011

Vestry, 5 years (completed 2 years of vacated position, then elected to my own 3-year term)

Diocesan Convention Lay Delegate, x3 Conventions

- 2. Provide a 40-50 word Statement on why you seek to serve in the office for which you are being nominated.**

I seek to serve as a Lay Deputy to General Convention because I want to be involved in the wider church as we seek to live into our baptismal covenant, addressing issues of division over DEI and LGBTQ+, new clergy shortage, declining memberships, limited resources, and systems inefficiencies.

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General Convention leads by example; by living faith in action, passing resolutions to address many issues, including division over DEI and LGBTQ+, new clergy shortage, declining memberships, limited resources, and systems efficiencies. We are in a unique position to show a loving and faithful response to these issues.