



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

List of elected or appointed positions or ministries held

a. Parish:

- Vestry – Trinity Church, Lenox, MA 2021-2023; 2024-present
- Altar Guild – Chair – Trinity, Lenox, MA 2024-present
- Sacred Ground Circles (Pilot Leader), Trinity, Lenox 2023
- Lay Eucharistic Minister – St James, Long Island, NY
St James Church, St James, NY 1990-1997
Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio 1997-2022

i. Trinity Church, Lenox, MA 2022- present

- Director of Religious Education – St Mark’s Church, Mount Kisco, NY
1986-1988

b. Diocesan:

Long Island:

- Church Periodical Club representative 1990-1992
- United Thank Offering 1992-1997 – Representative as a delegate to
ECW Triennial at the 71st General Convention 1994, Indianapolis,
Indiana

Western MA:

- Beloved Community Commission 2023-2024
- Indigenous People with Dio of MA 2024-present
- Social Justice Commission – present

c. Province I

- Indigenous Peoples Justice Network 2024 – present
- Delegate - 2024

Statement – Why I seek to serve as a Delegate to Province I from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts:

Every Diocese must have representation at every opportunity available to provide information regarding the diocese and to hear from others what has been successful or not. My experiences as a women’s health nurse practitioner and wife of a rector, I recognize the importance of ensuring justice, listening with compassion and trusting God’s spirit even in the most difficult of times.

Statement - Issues that I believe are important in the life of the diocese and the church:

It is a difficult time for our lovely old churches – do we to spend money on repairs or on meeting the needs of the community around us? To do God’s work, we need to continue to search for a creative balance. A children’s corner in church engaging new families with

children; acknowledging the injustices to people and the earth done in the past and today; continuing to be a place of unconditional welcome; reaching out to those in need – with God's help all this and more can be accomplished.