

*Diocese of Western Massachusetts* June, 2011  
*Committee on Nominations*

**The Committee on Nominations  
Annual Descriptive Booklet**

This booklet describes the various positions open for election at the next Diocesan Convention, along with a full listing of committee membership. Positions to be filled are those that expire at the 2011 Convention or, in the case of Trustees, in February 2012. Incumbents who plan to be re-nominated must complete a nomination form. We also strongly encourage other nominations, using the nomination form accompanying this booklet.

**The Standing Committee**

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the Bishop. Its primary duties include approving the purchase and sale of any church property, approving candidates for the ordination process, and playing a key role in Title IV matters of clergy discipline and misconduct. It also is asked to grant consent to Episcopal elections throughout the country. The Committee also responds to other tasks asked for by the Bishop or canon law. Whenever the diocese is without a bishop, the Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, a situation in which the responsibilities increase dramatically. Each member has a specific role. In addition to the offices of President and Secretary, two members provide liaison with the Commission on Ministry, two are responsible for property concerns and two are responsible for Title IV issues. All members must be prepared to help set policy and oversee the life of our diocese. **The Standing Committee will be responsible for the Episcopal election and Transition in 2012.**

The Committee consists of four Presbyters, who are canonically and actually resident in the diocese, and four Laypersons, who are confirmed, adult communicants of this Church in good standing and actually resident in this Diocese, elected in rotation for four-year terms. Members may serve two consecutive terms, in addition to any prior time filling a vacancy. The Committee may meet as often as monthly, but currently it meets every other month at 4 pm on the first Thursday of the month.

Clerical Members

**The Rev. Thomas Damrosch**

The Rev. Janice Ford

The Rev. Meredyth Wessman Ward

The Rev. Catherine Munz

Term of Office Expires

**Convention of 2011**

Convention of 2012

Convention of 2013

Convention of 2014

Lay Members

**Ms. Judith Phillips**

Mr. Paul Croteau

Mr. Joseph Allen

Ms. Nancy Lowry

Term of Office Expires

**Convention of 2011**

Convention of 2012

Convention of 2013

Convention of 2014

## The Diocesan Council

Between meetings of the Diocesan Convention, the Diocesan Council has the authority to speak for the Convention, to carry out the basic policies established by the Convention, and work with the Bishop to provide oversight to the diocese as a whole. The Council acts between Conventions as the fiscal authority for the Diocese and ratifies staff appointments of the Bishop. Members must bring a broad perspective to the evaluation of reports from other diocesan committees, staff and missionaries.

In addition to the Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, the Secretary of the Convention, and the Treasurer of the Diocese, the Council consists of fourteen persons, one Priest and one Lay Person from each of the seven Deaneries. These are elected for three-year terms at Deanery annual meetings and confirmed by the Convention. Members may serve two consecutive terms, in addition to any prior time filling a vacancy. Currently, the Council meets six times a year. A key meeting is the annual retreat from 5 pm on a Friday through mid-afternoon on Saturday. (Place to be announced)

The Rt. Rev. Gordon P. Scruton, President  
 The Rev. Meredyth Wessman Ward, Vice President  
 The Ven. William H. Coyne, Secretary  
 Mr. Steve Abdow, Treasurer

### Clerical Members

### Deanery

### Term of Office Expires

<b>The Rev. Taylor Albright</b>	<b>Hampden</b>	<b>Convention of 2011</b>
<b>The Rev. Eliot Moss</b>	<b>Franklin-Hampshire</b>	<b>Convention of 2011</b>
The Rev. James Craig	North Worcester	Convention of 2012
The Rev. Mac Murray	East/South Worcester	Convention of 2013
The Rev. Nancy Strong	Central/West Worcester	Convention of 2013
The Rev. Daina Salnitis	South Berkshire	Convention of 2013

### Lay Members

### Deanery

### Term of Office Expires

<b>Ms. Gina Nelson</b>	<b>Hampden</b>	<b>Convention of 2011</b>
<b>Mr. Denis Meunier</b>	<b>North Worcester</b>	<b>Convention of 2011</b>
<b>Ms. Patricia Moynahan</b>	<b>North Berkshire</b>	<b>Convention of 2011</b>
Mr. Edwin Hutchinson	South Berkshire	Convention of 2012
Ms. Barbara Groves	C. & W. Worcester	Convention of 2012
Mr. Stephen Houghton	Franklin-Hampshire	Convention of 2013
Mr. Michael Foster	East/South Worcester	Convention of 2013

## Trustees of the Diocese

The Trustees of the Diocese is a separate corporation. It receives, manages, and disposes of monies, funds, and real estate belonging either to the diocese or to congregations. It serves as a trustee or a custodian for the funds that have been entrusted to its care. Each Trustee is expected to serve on one of several sub-committees, which meet throughout the year. The sub-committees include Finance, Bylaws, and Community Investment. The Board of Managers, which meets quarterly during the business day on Wednesday mornings, includes six Officers and six Executive Board members. Trustee candidates are expected to have a solid knowledge of financial matters.

There is a maximum of twenty-five (25) active Trustees along with Trustees Emeritus. Each of the seven (7) Deaneries elects laypersons as Trustee candidates, who are then confirmed at Diocesan Convention. The remaining eighteen (18) Trustees are nominated by the sitting Trustees (15) and by the Bishop (3). Trustees serve for five-year terms, and are eligible for reelection until age 75. An all-day annual meeting of all Trustees takes place the third Wednesday in February, at which time each newly elected Trustee assumes his or her position.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nominated or Elected by</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	
Mr. Christopher Berglund	C. & W. Worcester Deanery	Feb. 2016	
Mr. Randall Betsher	Emeritus	Life	
Mr. Richard Billetter	Emeritus	Life	
Mr. William Blankenship	North Worcester Deanery	Feb. 2016	
Mr. Gordon Mr. Carl Breyer	Trustees	Feb. 2016	
Mr. Gordon Clem	Emeritus	Life	
Mr. Arthur Curtis	Emeritus	Life	
Mr. Thomas DeRose	Trustees	Feb. 2014	
Mr. William Fisher	Trustees	Feb. 2022	
Mr. Donald Hannigan	Emeritus	Life	
Mr. John Hockridge	North Berkshire Deanery	Feb. 2013	
<b>Mr. Richard S. Jackson, Jr.</b>	<b>South Berkshire Deanery</b>	<b>Feb. 2012</b>	<b>Eligible</b>
Mr. Norman ("Mick") Kalber	Trustees	Feb. 2012	
<b>Ms. Bonnie Katusich</b>	<b>Franklin-Hampshire Deanery</b>	<b>Feb. 2012</b>	<b>Eligible</b>
Ms. Priscilla Kerr	Trustees	Feb. 2014	
Mr. Robert Kimball	E. & S. Worcester Deanery	Feb. 2016	
Mr. Stephen Lewis	Hampden Deanery	Feb. 2014	
Mr. Crawford Lincoln	Emeritus	Life	
Ms. Sue Ellen Lovejoy	Bishop	Feb. 2014	
Dr. Sheila Mammen	Bishop	Feb. 2016	
Ms. Cinda McKinney	Trustees	Feb. 2012	
Ms. Patricia ("Tricia") Metcalf Shermeta	Trustees	Feb. 2014	
Mr. Thomas Minasian	Trustees	Feb. 2015	
Mr. Dan Mylott	Trustees	Feb. 2016	
Mr. Thomas O'Hara	Emeritus	Life	
Mr. Peter Pappas	Trustees	Feb. 2014	
Mr. Donald Robinson	Emeritus	Life	
Mr. Wallace ("Wally") Rodger	Trustees	Feb. 2012	
Mr. George Schmeck	Emeritus	Life	
Mr. Guilford Spencer	Emeritus	Life	
Dr. Richard Spurgin	Trustees	Feb. 2016	
Ms. Virginia Stanton Smith	Trustees	Feb. 2014	
Ms. Frances ("Princy") Stotz	Trustees	Feb. 2014	
Mr. Alfred Symonds	Trustees	Feb. 2014	
The Rev. Paul Taylor	Bishop	Feb. 2012	
Mr. Leonard White	Emeritus	Life	

## **Ecclesiastical Trial Court {information only – Court expires 7/1/11}**

The Ecclesiastical Trial Court is an adjudicatory body to hear and determine charges of Offenses and misconduct against members of the clergy, all as defined in Title IV of the canons of the Episcopal Church. It is helpful, but not essential, for members to have an understanding of the legal process. The Province conducts periodic one-day training seminars for all Court members.

The Court consists of five members, three of whom are clergy canonically resident in the diocese, and two of whom are laypersons who are communicants in good standing of a diocesan parish or mission. Members serve for not more than three successive three-year terms. The time commitment is typically only a few hours a year unless the Court needs to convene. In that case a great deal of time may be involved. Because of changes in Title IV of the canons of The Episcopal Church, **the Court will be in place until July 1, 2011.**

### Clerical Members

The Rev. John DeBonville  
The Rev. Barbara Thrall  
The Very Rev. James Munroe

### Term of Office Expires

Expires July 1, 2011  
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Expires July 1, 2011

### Lay Members

Dr. Margo McMahan,  
Mr. Robert Lambert

### Term of Office Expires

Expires July 1, 2011  
Expires July 1, 2011

## **Disciplinary Board [information only – no elections in 2011]**

Changes in Title IV of the Episcopal Church canons have resulted in a new diocesan Disciplinary Board, with duties **to begin July 1, 2011.** The Disciplinary Board will replace the Ecclesiastical Trial Court. Members of the Court, and members of the Standing Committee are expected to be eligible for election to the Disciplinary Board.

### Four Clerical Members

The Rev. Canon Tanya Wallace  
All Saints' Church, South Hadley

The Rev. Barbara Thrall  
St. Paul's Church, Holyoke

The Rev. John DeBonville  
Good Shepherd, W. Springfield

The Very Rev. James G. Munroe  
Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield

### Term of Office Expires

Term Expires Convention 2013

Term Expires Convention 2013

Term Expires Convention 2013

Term Expires Convention 2013

### Three Lay Members

Dr. Margo McMahan  
Grace Church, Amherst

Mr. Robert Lambert  
Christ Church, Rochdale

Mr. Paul Dupont,  
St. Paul's Church, Holyoke

### Term of Office Expires

Term Expires Convention 2013

Term Expires Convention 2013

Term Expires Convention 2013

# The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral

The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral is the equivalent of the vestry of a church. The word “Chapter” refers to the practice in medieval cathedrals of monks meeting to conduct the business of the cathedral and of reading a chapter of the Bible at their gatherings.

The Charter of Christ Church Cathedral states that the Chapter has “the care and management of the temporal affairs of the Cathedral, and the determination of such spiritual matters of administration as may be referred to it by the Bishop or by the Dean.” The Bishop of the Diocese is the presiding officer of the Chapter. The Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral meets three times a year. The Executive Committee, chaired by the Dean of the Cathedral, meets to conduct the business of the Cathedral on the other months of the year.

Three lay persons, one from a church in each corridor of the Diocese – and three clergy, also one from a church in each corridor – are elected at Diocesan Convention to serve on the Cathedral Chapter. They help to bring the concerns of the Diocese to the Cathedral, they offer guidance in the Cathedral’s role as the “mother church” of the Diocese, and they enhance the bonds of fellowship and ministry between the Cathedral and the churches of the Diocese. Members may serve two consecutive three-year terms, in addition to any prior time served filling a vacancy.

## Lay Representatives

### **Ms. Karen King**

Ms. Barbara Groves

Mr. Stephen Houghton

## Term of Office Expires

**Convention of 2011**

Convention of 2012

Convention of 2013

## Diocesan Honorary Canons

### **The Rev. Stephen Booth**

The Rev. Mary Gustafson

The Rev. Eliot Moss

## Term of Office Expires

**Convention of 2011**

Convention of 2012

Convention of 2013



## General Convention -- July 5 – 12, 2012 Indianapolis, Indiana

### 2 Lay Alternates – to be elected at 2011 Diocesan Convention

Two Laypersons are to be elected Alternates at this Annual Diocesan Convention. Lay Deputies are confirmed, adult communicants of the Church in the Diocese. Deputies serve any number of three-year terms. Deputies should be able to give up two weeks of their professional and family obligations to serve and should be prepared for full days at the Convention - normally 7:30 AM - 10:00 PM. There is a lot of reading and preparation beforehand, and a detailed process of reporting back to the Diocese afterward. Deputies should be organized, faithful, dedicated and leaders, able to vote according to both their informed conscience and their sense of the will of the diocese as a whole.

#### Clerical Deputies [elected in 2010]

The Rev. Tanya Wallace  
The Rev. Meredyth W. Ward  
The Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld  
The Venerable William H. Coyne

#### Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)

#### Lay Deputies [elected in 2010]

Ms. Beth Washburn  
Dr. Debra Harmon-Hines  
Mr. John Cheek  
Ms. Beth Baldwin

#### Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)

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### General Convention Alternate Deputies

The Alternate Clerical Deputies are Presbyters or Deacons canonically resident in the Diocese, and the Alternate Lay Deputies are confirmed, adult communicants of the Church in the Diocese. Alternate Deputies may serve any number of three-year terms. They are seated on the floor of Convention when a Deputy is unable to be present for any reason. The Diocese pays for the first alternate in each order to be present at General Convention.

#### Alternate Clerical Deputy [elected in 2010]

The Rev. Dr. Richard Simpson  
The Rev. Canon Michael Devine  
The Rev. Eliot Moss  
The Rev. Catherine Munz

#### Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)

#### Alternate Lay Deputy [elected in 2010]

Mr. Delbert Glover  
**Mr. Christopher Rivers (Resigned)**  
Dr. Margo McMahan  
**Vacant**

#### Term of Office Expires

Convention of 2013 (eligible)  
Convention of 2013 (eligible)