

Diocesan Council
The Rev. William Martin

1. List any elected or appointed positions or ministries held at the parish, diocesan, provincial and/or national church level.

Rector, St. Stephen's Church, Westborough: 2002 to present

Diocesan Council, 2006 to present

Commission on Ministry, 2004 to present

Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic dialogue committee, 2007-2008 Ecclesiastical Court member, 2008 to present

2. Why am I seeking to serve on Diocesan Council?

I am seeking re-election to Council in order to help solve several issues facing the Diocese. Among those issues are the financial deficit we face and what ultimately are we to do with Bement. As a current member of Council I have been involved in these concerns, and I would like another term to continue the good work started at our monthly meetings.

3. What issues are important in the life of the diocese and the church at large?

I believe that there are two prominent issues facing us today, both having to do with the Church in the 21st Century. First, how do we deal with fewer and fewer prospects coming to church, hereby necessitating the church going to them. What does the church look like in the community, outside of its safe building? Second, how do we address the fact that the Church is no longer a study in "sameness"? We now have heterogeneous congregations using a variety of options in the Book of Common Prayer, and most important, since we come from more and more differing backgrounds, we have more and more "solutions" to our varied issues, based upon those backgrounds. How do we reconcile these differences and move forward?