

Nomination for The Standing Committee of the Diocese:
The Rev. Meredyth Wessman Ward

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

Priest in Charge, Church of the Epiphany, Wilbraham
Diocesan Liturgy and Music Commission
Congregational Development Investment Team
Liturgical Planner-Diocesan Convention
Standing Committee 2005-2008
Clergy Deputy to General Convention 2009
Alternate Deputy to General Convention 2006

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

As rector of Christ Church, Rochdale and now Priest in Charge of Church of the Epiphany in Wilbraham, I have learned about the joys and sorrows of smaller churches and the challenges they face. Any strategic plan for the future must utilize the unique gifts of smaller congregations as well as help them discern the shape of parish ministry for the future.

3. Provide a 40-50 word Statement on issues that you believe are important in the life of the diocese and the church.

New Englanders, no matter what denomination they belong to, tend to be Congregationalists. We pay most attention to our own parishes and communities. But we are blessed by our connections to the wider church, whether by sharing resources with a neighboring parish or learning about the Anglican Communion. We are strongest when we can let go of fear of competition, and work together to build the future which God would like us to imagine.

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