

# 2016 Nomination Form – PART B: Nominee Portion

(Descriptions of Offices attached)

You may complete this form using a computer. You may add an electronic signature and return to Alice Brown via email or complete all fields except your signature using your computer, then save the document, print, sign and return by mail. This form may also be completed by hand. If completing by hand, please print clearly.

Completed forms must include signatures. Candidates may self-nominate.

A current full color, digital photo of the nominee must be submitted. Jpg files are preferred. Please direct electronic submissions, photos, and any questions you may have to [alicebrown@episcopalwny.org](mailto:alicebrown@episcopalwny.org).

Mail completed nomination forms to: Nominating Committee / Attention: Alice Brown, Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, 1064 Brighton Road, Tonawanda, New York 14150

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is August 30, 2016.** Nominations received after August 29 will not be included in the Convention Documents Book (formerly the Red Book) and must be made from the floor of the Convention.

## PART B: To be completed by the Nominee

Nominee's Signature (Indicates willingness to serve if elected)	Name of Office
Email Address	Parish or Mission

## Biographical Information

List in order of importance no more than ten qualifications of the nominee as short bullet points. This is described in the canons as the "nominee's qualifications and services in Church and civic affairs."

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## Personal Statement

The nominee is urged to write a personal statement of no more than 350 words to appear in the election information given to delegates. This may accompany the Nomination Form or be emailed separately to [alicebrown@episcopalwny.org](mailto:alicebrown@episcopalwny.org) no later than **August 30, 2016.**

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**Be sure to send a recent, full color digital photo!**

# The Role of Various Committees, Deputations and Boards

## Standing Committee

### **Responsibilities:**

- Interpret and monitor our diocese's compliance with local and national Constitution & Canons
- Serve as a council of advice for the bishop
- Certify the ordination process
- Consent to the elections of bishops and presiding bishops
- Serve as the ecclesiastical authority in the absence of the Bishop
- Provide consent for parishes that wish to incur debt or list and sell real property

### **Meetings:**

Monthly on the third Thursday at 11 a.m. (except in July and August)

### **Qualities sought:**

- Strong understanding of Episcopal polity or willingness to learn
- Ability to honor confidentiality
- Appreciation of process
- Dedication to position

### **To be elected this year:**

One Lay person for a 4-year term  
One Cleric for a 4-year term

*Note: Members of the Standing Committee must be from different congregations and may not serve concurrently as Trustees.*

Current Members of Standing Committee are:

- 2019 The Rev. Ellen Brauza, St. Andrew's Buffalo
- 2019 Ms. Beverly Fortune, St. Paul's Cathedral Buffalo
- 2018 The Rev. Pete Dempsey-Sims
- 2018 Mr. James Isaac, St. Mark's LeRoy
- 2017 The Very Rev. Earle King, St. Martin's Grand Island
- 2017 Ms. Nancy Consedine, St. Stephen's Olean
- 2016 The Rev. Sean Leonard, St. Mark's Orchard Park
- 2016 Mr. Thomas Ashford, St. Peter's Niagara Falls

## General Convention Deputies

### **Responsibilities:**

- Be available to attend the triennial meeting of General Convention as representative of our diocese
- Alternates serve should a deputy become unable to do so
- Communicate with congregations and diocesan leaders about matters related to GC
- Stay informed about issues and concerns of the Episcopal Church
- Physical stamina to endure long days with few breaks

### **Meetings:**

July, 2018 in Austin, TX, plus specially scheduled local and provincial meetings before and after GC

### **Qualities sought:**

- Understanding of Episcopal Church polity
- Comfort in a parliamentary atmosphere
- Ability to work as a team
- Attention to detail

### **To be elected this year:**

Four Clerical Deputies for 3-year terms  
Four Clerical Alternate Deputies for 3-year terms  
Four Lay Deputies for 3-year terms  
Four Lay Alternate Deputies for 3-year terms

## Trustees of the Diocese

### **Responsibilities:**

- Manage diocesan funds prudently
- Oversee real property owned by the diocese
- Oversee diocesan investments
- Administer loans to congregations
- Understanding of real estate and lending practices

### **Meetings:**

Monthly on the third Wednesday at 4 p.m. (except in July and August)

### **Qualities sought:**

- Ability to take long-term view
- Understanding of financial matters
- Comfortable dealing with investment advisors

### **To be elected this year:**

Two Clerics for 3-year terms

*Note: Members of the Standing Committee may not serve concurrently as Trustees.*

Current Trustees are:

- 2018 The Hon. Rose Sconiers, St. Philip's Buffalo
- 2018 Mr. William Pictor, St. Matthias East Aurora
- 2017 Ms. Karen Gengo, St. Patrick's Cheektowaga
- 2017 Mr. Robert Matson, Trinity Hamburg
- 2016 The Rev. Jerre Feagin, St. Matthias East Aurora
- 2016 The Rev. Matt Lincoln, Trinity, Buffalo

## Diocesan Council

### **Responsibilities:**

- Exercise the authority of the Diocesan Convention between Convention's meetings
- Form the operating budget proposed to Convention and finalizes it after receiving parish pledge statements
- Further diocesan mission and objectives
- Provide direction for the program of the diocese

### **Meetings:**

Monthly on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. (except in July and August), plus sub-committee meetings

### **Qualities sought:**

- Creativity
- Capacity for visioning
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to communicate ideas and plans clearly

### **To be elected this year:**

One Cleric for a 3-year term  
Two Lay persons for 3-year terms

Current Diocesan Council Members are:

- 2018 The Very Rev. Gloria Payne-Carter, St. Philip's Buffalo
- 2018 Mr. Wayne A. Blassingame, St. Philip's Buffalo
- 2018 Ms. Elisabeth Brauza, St. Paul's Harris Hill
- 2017 The Very Rev. Colleen O'Connor, St. Mark's LeRoy & St. Paul's Stafford
- 2017 Ms. Cheri Maytum-Krull, St. Luke's Jamestown
- 2017 Mr. Carl Otis, Trinity Hamburg
- 2016 The Rev. Kim Rossi, St. Stephen's Olean
- 2016 Mr. Brian Miller, St. Paul's Harris Hill
- Appointee Mr. Ben Thiesen, St. Paul's Springville
- Appointee The Rev. Patrick Bradley, St. Peter's Niagara Falls
- Appointee Mr. Charlie Ohl, Good Shepherd Buffalo