

TO: EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS 235TH ANNUAL CONVENTION DELEGATES
FROM: RACHEL WILDMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL CONTESTED ELECTION
DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2020

As Chair of the Elections Committee I am writing to make you aware of an oversight on my part that has led to the need for an additional contested election than those presented in the 2020 Convention Handbook. In the category of Clerical Alternates to the 80th General Convention, we received 2 nominees for 4 open positions, leading me to conclude that this would be regarded as an un-contested election. However, although both of these nominees will, indeed, be elected to serve as Clerical Alternates, the Convention does need to choose which of the two will serve as the “1st alternate”—the alternate who will be chosen first should a deputy replacement be needed. Therefore, the Convention will now be asked to vote in 3 elections.

The biographies and photos of the two nominees for this additional election can be found, below. In addition, page 2 of this memorandum includes a revised Election Worksheet including the nominees for all 3 elections for reference during the voting process.

Nominees for 1st CLERICAL ALTERNATE to the 80th GENERAL CONVENTION

(2 nominees, 1 to be elected as “1st alternate”)



The Rev. Tamra Tucker

The Crossing, Boston

Since my youth in the church, I have been committed to learning from the wisdom of our collective actions, speaking truth to our collective bodies, and leaning into a future only possible when we are open to the spirit and not stopped by fear of change. I feel I can bring a new voice, and new sense of holy listening, and a new bravery to our church by serving as alternate to General Convention.



The Rev. Isaac Martinez

St. Paul's Church, Brookline

Although recently ordained, I have served on several diocesan bodies since 2016, including the Mission Strategy Implementation Organizing Team. I currently co-chair the Young Adult Advisory Committee. I also served on the planning team for the churchwide 2020 Young Adult & Campus Ministry conference. Were I to join our diocesan delegation to General Convention, I would amplify voices at the margins of church leadership. I would also work to support innovative ministry in all contexts.

ELECTION WORKSHEET

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT

Voting for positions to be filled by election will be done electronically, either via the Voatz mobile app or via telephone with the Voatz staff. Voting will be available from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Clergy and lay delegates are welcome to vote any time during this period.

Listed below are the names of nominees for diocesan elections. Please refer to pages H-5 and H-6 for nominees' descriptive statements. Please fill out the election worksheet, below, to use as a resource for you either when in the Voatz mobile app or on the telephone with Voatz staff. In addition, please note that once in the Voatz app, nominee names will appear in random order for each voter and, therefore, may be in a different order than listed on the worksheet.

Nominees for CLERICAL MEMBERS of the DISCIPLINARY BOARD

(2 nominees, 1 to be elected)

The Rev. James M. Hairston ()

The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell ()

Nominees for CLERICAL MEMBERS of the CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

(2 nominees, 1 to be elected)

The Rev. Peter L. Jeffrey ()

The Rev. Megan C. Holding ()

Nominees for 1st CLERICAL ALTERNATE to the 80th GENERAL CONVENTION

(2 nominees, 1 to be elected as "1st alternate")

The Rev. Tamra Tucker ()

The Rev. Isaac Martinez ()