



Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Office of the Bishop *The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop*

RECOGNITION of The Rev. RACHEL WILDMAN

Rachel Wildman today concludes her three years as secretary of Diocesan Convention, having also served a prior year as assistant secretary.

It would be impossible to overestimate the number of hours Rachel has spent in this volunteer, non-stipendiary role of service. Planning for Convention itself, the work of which begins even before the prior year's Convention is held, is a gargantuan task. Like the sacred labor of altar guilds across the church, this is work which is largely unseen except when there is a glitch. None of it "just happens." Rachel has labored alongside diocesan administrative staff through particularly challenging years as we've navigated online, hybrid and in-person arrangements for Convention in ways never imagined in the history of our diocese.

But that's just part of the role. Along with her predecessor, Sister Kristina Frances, SSM as secretary of Convention, Rachel has also taken direct responsibility for serving the Diocesan Council in the organizing of its monthly meetings, retreats and ongoing committee work.

Rachel's actual job is serving as the priest-in-charge at "The Trinity" – Trinity Church, Stoughton, and Trinity Church, Canton – one of our recent efforts at learning about how to be fruitful in collaborations. Previously she served for a decade at St Paul's, Bedford, where she was seminarian, curate and associate.

She is, simply, someone who gets things done, with grace and good cheer. Rachel, we will miss you, we thank you and we present you with this annual membership at Scullers Jazz Club as a small-but-funky token of our gratitude.