Orthodox Church in America

DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

63rd Diocesan Assembly

Springfield, VT & Claremont, NH

October 23-24, 2026

DIOCESAN COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

The name of _____ is being placed in nomination for the position of _____

by _____ *(name of person making nomination)*

- One Clergy-at-Large *(3year term)*
- Two Laity-at-Large *(3year term)*
- One Laity-at-Large *(1year replacement term)*
- One Metropolitan Council Laity-at-Large *(3year term)*
- One Auditor *(3year non-voting term) – Needs financial knowledge*

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Responsibilities of the Council are to help guide the work of the Diocese and to advise the Bishop on relevant issues, with officers having more specific duties. The council meets four to five times a year. All members must be members in "Good Standing" of a diocesan parish and not living in violation of Orthodox Moral Standards. To be nominated you must be registered at the Assembly.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

*"**I will accept** this nomination for a position on the Diocesan Council and believe that I can fulfill the responsibilities listed above."*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: home: _____ work: _____

E-Mail address: _____ cell: _____

HOME PARISH: _____

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on the Diocesan Council. (Use the backside of this paper if needed)

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Signature / Date

Description of Responsibilities for Metropolitan Council Representative

The Diocesan Representatives to the Metropolitan Council (one Clergy and one Lay member) are elected by the Diocesan Assembly and each serve a term of three years.

The Metropolitan Council meets twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, and as deemed necessary by the Metropolitan and Chancellor. Typically, the fall meeting is an 'in person meeting lasting 2 days and is held in the Washington, DC area. The spring meeting, also lasting 2 days, and special meetings are held via ZOOM.
Travel expenses are paid by the Representatives but are offset by the stipend provided by the Diocese of New England ($1,000 at present).
Representatives must attend the quarterly Diocesan Council meetings and the Diocesan Assembly and present reports of Metropolitan Council activities.
As background, the Metropolitan Council is the permanent executive body of the Orthodox Church in America and exists for the purpose of implementing the decisions of the All-American Council and continuing its work between sessions. Information about the Metropolitan Council and responsibilities of its members are provided in the Metropolitan Council Member's Handbook which can be found on the OCA web site at: https://www.oca.org/cdn/PDFs/metropolitancouncil/2019-0917-council-member-handbook.pdf.

Description of Responsibilities for Diocesan Auditor

There are 3 auditors – one elected each year, so never are they all new at the same time. Auditors are welcome to attend Diocesan Council meetings, but it is not required, nor do they vote.

The job of Auditor is to review all income, expenses, and investments. Checking invoices against expenditures, checking all income coming into Diocese is being deposited into the proper accounts. Also check the accounts of Stewards of the New England Diocese.

Knowledge needed: Both computer skills and basic math skills. Knowledge of Google Docs and willingness to learn Quick Books.