


# 2009 Nominee Biography

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<b>Name *</b>	The Rev. Judith Rhodes
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<b>Parish *</b>	St. Mary's Church
<b>Deanery</b>	Merion
<b>Office for which to be considered</b>	Deputy to Provincial Synod
<b>Occupation or Employer</b>	
<b>Are you willing to stand for election? *</b>	Yes

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## 1. What motivated you to seek nomination for this committee?

I seek election as the clerical Deputy to the Provincial Synod in this time of extraordinary challenge and opportunity not only in the diocese but within the wider church, as well. The implications of living into the vision of expansive and vital mission in serving all God's people in the face of shrinking financial resources might tempt some to withdraw from risk-taking discipleship. However, I believe that we are called to deepen our commitment as a whole church to serve all others in the name of Christ; and that lifelong formation in Christian discipleship and the call to dismantle racism are Gospel mandates essential to the Church's mission. I take very seriously the ordination vow which states my responsibility to participate in the councils of the church and feel compelled to serve as we seek to live into the decisions made at our General Convention.

## 2. If nominated, what added value would you bring to the Diocese in moving the committee forward with God's work?

As a member of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, I consider participation in the work of the Provincial Synod both a privilege and an obligation. Our commitment to continue healing and reconciliation within the Episcopal Church must continue as we celebrate our great diversity and unity in Christ. I seek to bring a sense of joy to this ministry as well as a challenging voice to the table seeking effective and creative ways to engage in the work of justice and peace on behalf of the poor, marginalized, and oppressed.

As a member of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, I would bring a passion and commitment to the process of seeking justice, a discerning and prayerful spirit, the will to study and uphold the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church as they rightfully and individually apply, and an openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

## 3. Please list relevant experience.

I am a professional special needs educator and former public school administrator and possess strong leadership and communications skills, as well as a passion for discerning in community God's vision for this Church. I am presently a member of the Diocese of Pennsylvania's Commission on Ministry and the Anti-Racism Team. I have also served as a consultant to congregations, retreat leader, member of Diocesan Council,

Executive Committee member of the Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy Association, and am an experienced spiritual director.

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**Recommended for Nomination by**

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**By resolution of the 202nd Convention, candidates for election to Diocesan Office are required to disclose the amounts of fees (other than salary) in excess of \$5,000 received from Church organizations during the past five years.**

Not Applicable

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**Disclosure statement (if applicable)**

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