

# ANGLICAN/ EPISCOPAL PRESENCE AT CSW69

## Thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)

March 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025



### Fact Sheet

The [69<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW69\)](#) will be held from Monday, 3/10 to Friday, 3/21/2025. Since 1946, UNCSW has convened annually to promote women's rights in political, economic, civil, social, and educational fields, and to make recommendations on urgent problems facing women and girls. It reached a turning point in 1995 at the [Fourth World Conference on Women](#) with the adoption of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#), a global policy framework for gender equality and the empowerment of women that set out 12 Critical Areas of Concern. CSW69's priority theme will be the "Thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)."

### Anglicans and Episcopalians at CSW69

Anglicans and Episcopalians have participated in UNCSW since at least the 1980s. In 2025, the historically strong Anglican and Episcopal presence continues with participants representing multiple regions and countries:

- The Anglican Communion will be represented by Lulama Ntuta, Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Larissa Minniecon, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Anglican Church of Australia); The Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz, Anglican Church of Canada and Ecumenical Women coalition acting co-chair; The Reverend Domnic Misolo, Anglican Church of Kenya and founder and president of Institute for Faith and Gender Equality (IFAGE); Mandy Marshall, ACO Director of Gender Justice; and Martha Jarvis, Anglican Communion Permanent Representative to the UN.
- The Episcopal Church will be represented by Julia Ayala Harris, President of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church, as well as a staff delegation consisting of Rebecca Blachly, Chief of Public Policy and Witness; The Reverend Margaret Rose, Presiding Bishop's Ecumenical and Interreligious Deputy and former Director of Women's Ministries; Troy Collazo, Policy Advisor, Office of Government Relations; Lynnaia Main, Episcopal Church Representative to the UN, Office of Government Relations; and Nicole Hosein, Director of Gender Initiatives, Episcopal Relief & Development. Over the past 10 years, the Church has had a Presiding Bishop's delegation recruited via a churchwide application process with delegates vetted by their bishops. With the season of transitions between Presiding Bishops, and institutionally, it was not possible to recruit a churchwide grassroots delegation for 2025.

Episcopal Church delegates observe the official UNCSW meetings, represent the Presiding Bishop and advocate based on the Church's written statement submitted to CSW69, network and meet with UN officials and representatives of member states, advocate alongside ecumenical and interfaith partners, attend side and parallel events and reflect during UNCSW on how to take their experiences back home to their communities and train up new leaders. Biographies for the Presiding Bishop's delegation can be found on the [Episcopal UNCSW webpage](#).

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#### Shared program of worship and events

The ongoing program of joint hospitality and fellowship at the Episcopal Church Center that has gathered Anglicans and Episcopalians for decades continues in 2025. All are welcome to attend these public events - register via the [Episcopal UNCSW webpage](#):

- 3/3, 4 – 5:30 pm Eastern (virtual): “Beijing+30: Celebrating the Blessing”. Episcopal leaders share their stories of Beijing’s impact within the Episcopal Church over the past 30 years. Bring your own stories of celebration and learn more about how to participate at CSW69.
- 3/10, 12:10 – 1 pm Eastern (hybrid): “CSW69 Opening Eucharist”, Chapel of Christ the Lord, Episcopal Church Center
- 3/21, 12:10 – 1 pm Eastern (hybrid): “CSW69 Closing Eucharist”, Chapel of Christ the Lord, Episcopal Church Center
- March-April TBD: “Beyond Beijing+30: Realizing the Dream”. A report back on CSW69 and brainstorming session for future plans for interested Episcopalians.

For more information and registration, see the [NGO CSW Forum schedule of parallel events](#), the [Episcopal Church UNCSW webpage](#) and the [Episcopal News Service Events page](#).

Episcopalians also are invited to join the Presiding Bishop’s delegation, other Episcopalians and Anglicans and the wider interfaith community in praying, at noon in their own time zone, the Beijing Noonday Prayer co-written by Episcopalians and other people of faith and prayed at noon every day during the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995. The prayer can be found on the [Episcopal Church UNCSW webpage](#).

Episcopalians and Anglicans also will participate in orientation, ecumenical worship and events hosted by [Ecumenical Women](#), the [NGO Committee on the Status of Women \(NGO CSW\)](#), and by civil society, UN entities and member states.

#### Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church advocacy at CSW69

The Anglican Communion signed on to three CSW69 joint written statements, with the Ecumenical Women coalition, Mothers’ Union and ACT Alliance coalition.

The Episcopal Church, via the leadership of then-Presiding Bishop & Primate Michael Bruce Curry, submitted a written statement to the CSW69 in October 2024 in accordance with UN Women’s deadline, which is based on General Convention resolutions and can be found here: [E/CN.6/2025/NGO/56](#). It highlights several priorities to accelerate gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity around the priority theme:

- Prioritize resources and programs for marginalized women and girls
- Increase access to resources, public services, social protections, and infrastructure

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- Increase access to economic and political power and decision-making
- Eradicate violence against women and girls and all forms of gender-based violence
- Address climate change and environmental concerns

The Episcopal Church also signed on to a joint written statement with Ecumenical Women: [E/CN.6/2025/NGO/158](https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2025/3/25-03-ecumenical-women-statement).

The Presiding Bishop's staff delegation will participate actively in advocacy at the UN based on the Episcopal Church's written statement, simultaneously connecting with Episcopalians participating and advocating at the same time in their local communities. The statement serves as a foundation offered by General Convention and a framework by which Episcopalians may share their own stories, reflections, and concerns.

### Communications at CSW69

CSW69 participants are encouraged to share their experiences with the wider community from their own unique perspectives, through tools such as storytelling and raising awareness via news reports, blogs, social media and posted pictures. Participants are encouraged to share their stories using the communication tools below.

#### Key resources

CSW69 webpage: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/how-we-work/commission-on-the-status-of-women/csw69-2025>

UN Women: [www.unwomen.org](https://www.unwomen.org)

The Episcopal Church: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

The Episcopal Church UNCSW webpage: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/episcopalun/uncsw-2025/>

The Episcopal Church and the United Nations Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/episcopalun/>

The Episcopal Church and the United Nations X (former Twitter): <https://twitter.com/EpiscopalUN>

Episcopal Relief & Development: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/> #EpiscopalReliefCSW, #EpiscopalRelief

Anglican Communion Representation at the UN: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/mission/at-the-un.aspx>

Anglican Communion UN X (former Twitter): @AnglicanUN and @AnglicansEndGBV

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