

EPISCOPAL PRESENCE AT UNCSW 66

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	<p>Destinee Bates, Diocese of North Carolina (Province IV) is a proud graduate of North Carolina A&T State University. Throughout her college career, she was dedicated to increasing civic engagement on campus while rallying against racially biased districting and maps. This led to her gaining extensive organizing experience with the North Carolina Democratic Party, Democratic National Committee’s Organizing Corps, and Sister District Project. Destinee went on to serve in the Episcopal Service Corps for two years in Baltimore, MD. She now works for the Friends Committee on National Legislation where she leads workshops and programs that give young adults the tools to strengthen their relationships with members of Congress and to advocate for the issues they care about.</p> <p><i>Destinee serves as a delegate on the Presiding Bishop’s UNCSW 66 delegation.</i></p>
	<p>Cheri Gage, Diocese of Kansas (Province VII) is a life-long Kansan and Episcopalian. She, and her husband, Bob are the proud parents of two sons, Matthew and Andrew as well as grandparents of Jackson. Ms. Gage is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Wichita State University where she majored in Women’s Studies and Communications. Prior to her retirement, she was the director of consulting for a national management company where she oversaw 30 consultants nationwide. After retiring she formed “Women for Women”, a program which supplies direction and support for women in poverty looking to obtain employment or improve their current employment status.</p> <p><i>Cheri serves as a delegate on the Presiding Bishop’s UNCSW 66 delegation.</i></p>
	<p>Cynthia Katsarelis, Episcopal Church in Colorado (Province VI) works in Boulder and is spiritually based in Denver, Colorado. Cynthia was a delegate to UNCSW in 2016. In her parish ministries she’s served as chair of the Outreach Committee and on the Social Justice Task Force, establishing advocacy as a ministry focus. She is an EFM graduate, has served as a Sacred Ground facilitator, and is an acolyte. Cynthia is a classical musician, a professional conductor and violinist, and has been traveling to Haiti to teach music since 2004. Her community is being impacted by climate change, particularly in the recent Marshall Fires. Cynthia is a parishioner at the Cathedral of Saint John in the Wilderness. Cynthia served as a Presiding Bishop’s delegate to UNCSW 60 in 2016.</p> <p><i>Cynthia serves as a delegate on the Presiding Bishop’s UNCSW 66 delegation.</i></p>

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Theo (Theodora) Moyses-Peck, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (Province III) is 18 years old, a linguist, and a sophomore at the University of Arizona where I am studying Arabic and Computer Science. She was born in England where her father worked for the Archbishop of Canterbury and her mother worked for the Mothers' Union. When she was in primary school, her family moved to Lancaster, PA where she has grown up in The Episcopal Church. She is excited to be part of the UNCSW66 Presiding Bishop's Delegation where she will help represent youth. Her believes her generation must address gender equality, climate change, and its consequences.

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The Rev. Marissa S. Rohrbach, Episcopal Church in Connecticut (Province I) serves as Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wilton, Connecticut. She has served the Church in a variety of ways, including as the Chair of the Commission on Ministry and as a consultant. She is currently serving on the Bishop Transition Committee for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. She is honored to serve as one of the Presiding Bishop's Delegates to CSW66, to advocate for all women and girls and the fierce, wild dreams that God has for them. Marissa lives in Wilton with her wife and daughter. She loves Jesus, French literature, and to feed people good food.

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Talique Taylor, Diocese of Northern Indiana (Province V) is a current English/Creative Writing student at Taylor University in Indiana, where he also serves as a student advocate on behalf of American ethnic minorities on campus. He is a confirmand in The Episcopal Church, and currently serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) at Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Marion, Indiana. He is originally from the inner city of Chicago, where he grew up on the city's West Side. He now lives in the Cook County south suburbs with his parents and two brothers. Currently, he is in the early stages of discernment for the Episcopal Priesthood.

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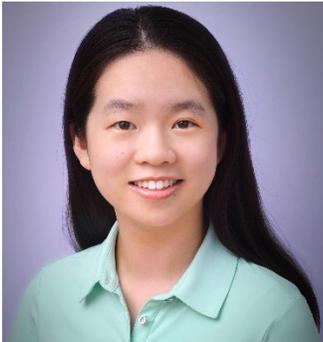


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Anita Urassa, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (Province II) is the Climate Stewardship officer at Emmanuel Church in Geneva. She is also a member of the Creation & Climate Change ministry initiative and Creation Care Grassroots Network. Before joining Emmanuel Church, she was an undergraduate student studying BBA in Sustainability Management. Her passion for sustainability and climate action started in high school when she learned about the climate emergency and believes it's up to us to reverse such process. As a young African woman, she has seen firsthand how environmental racism and disasters has affected women. She would like to use her experience and knowledge on the climate emergency and as young women to achieve her goal of achieving gender equality and women empowering all women in the context of climate change.

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Joie Zhang, Diocese of Los Angeles, (Province VIII) is a high school senior attending Harvard-Westlake in Los Angeles. She is passionate about Speech and Debate and has won both the middle school and high school national debate championships. Additionally, Joie is an award-winning writer, and she serves as the Editor-In-Chief of her school's two main publications: the literary arts magazine and the world languages publication. As a Chinese-English translator, Joie has been volunteering since ninth grade as a bilingual English teacher at the Church of Our Saviour Chinese Ministry in San Gabriel, California. Joie is so excited to be a delegate to UNCSW 66!

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