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	<p>Delores Alleyne, Episcopal Church in Connecticut (Province I) resides in New Haven, Connecticut. She has a BA in education. She is a cradle Episcopalian attending St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where she began her Christian journey and at an early age became a member of the Girls' Friendly Society, a girls ministry in The Episcopal Church where she established her Christian values of "Love your neighbor as yourself". In her adult life, she lives her life by the GFS motto "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens and so live the Law of Christ." She attended two prior UNCSW sessions, which profoundly impacted her life. The excitement and emotions, and stories told by women and their quest for equity compelled her to become involved in bringing awareness and attention to the injustices towards girls and women.</p>
	<p>Mary Ellen Arthurs, Diocese of Virginia (Province III) is a life-long Episcopalian. She has most likely held every job in the church except priest. She is a school teacher, teaching 5th grade science in a small county in Virginia. Several years ago, she was offered the chance to go to Abu Dhabi to teach local children. When she arrived, she was assigned to a school full of girls. The Sheikh had just mandated that all girls be educated through 12th grade. It was her first experience with significant gender bias. She worked hard to reinforce that women could achieve anything and hold jobs outside the home. Today, she is proud that several of these young women are at university, and she still hears from them. She is pleased to serve the church and women around the world at CSW67.</p>

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Ailysh Cooper, Diocese of Chicago (Province V) is a high school art teacher in the Chicago suburbs. A lifelong Episcopalian, she has served in a variety of roles in her churches, but this is her first foray into the greater Episcopal Church. Actively involved in arts education, she sponsors four clubs at her school. She is an art education YouTuber, an art camp counselor and instructor, and a board member of the Illinois Art Education Association, from which she received the Art Educator of the Year 2022 award for the state of Illinois. She is pursuing a master's degree in art education. At UNCSW, she plans to use her experience as a teacher to help make education equitable to all learners.



The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey, Episcopal Church in Connecticut (Province I) is an associate rector at St. Mark's New Canaan, in Connecticut. Some of Garnsey's previous advocacy experience includes involvement with Anglican Women's Empowerment (AWE) when it hosted Episcopal delegates traveling to the UNCSW. In a former associate rector position with Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City, she was active with the Carpenter's Kids program, which helped ensure hundreds of children could attend school. As a missionary of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), she has traveled to the Episcopal hospitals and medical clinics, trade schools, and institutes for the deaf and blind in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. She has also worked in community organizing and with many Interfaith efforts.

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The Reverend Luz Maria Lambis Garces, Diocese of Colombia (Province IX) is a priest of the Diocese of Colombia. She has a Bachelor of Theology and currently is pursuing a master's degree in Theology at the International Seminary of Miami MINTS. She has completed courses related to protective communities for children, economic solidarity, Anglicanism, human talent management, Liturgy house of the senses, and project planning, among others. She supports the Trinity Foundation empowering women in the framework of human rights with mother heads of household in the process of the formation of microcredit and savings groups. She works with women, youth and girls in the community, in empowerment and leadership.



Ellen Lindeen, Diocese of Chicago (Province V) – Biography coming soon.

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Yvonne Lodico, Diocese of Vermont (Province I) is the Founder and Executive Director of the Grace Initiative Global, which focuses on developing peacebuilding – development – humanitarian strategies for meaningful transformation – especially for women and girls, www.grace-initiative.org. Grace Initiative Global serves as an affiliate of Episcopal Migration Ministries for the Matching Grant program in Vermont. Ms. Lodico served with the United Nations over 17 years, as a director; a legal officer in Outer Space Affairs; and as a Secretary-General’s special adviser on democratic governance. Ms. Lodico taught human rights law, University of Melbourne. Ms. Lodico’s education includes, BA, SIS, American University; JD, LL.M., NYU; MIA, Columbia University; MAR, Yale Divinity School.



Ruth McLain, Diocese of West Tennessee (Province IV) was born in Idaho and moved from Canada to Mississippi at the age of eight. She is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. Ruth graduated Summa Cum Laude from Haskell Indian Nations University with a degree in American Indian Studies. She earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She is licensed in Arkansas and served as attorney as litem for children in family matters. She has led non-profit organizations across the country. Ruth is a published poet. “Wakarusa” has received a number of awards. Ruth is married to The Rev. Paul McLain, associate rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis. She serves on the Standing Committee and the Committee on Constitutions and Canons for the Diocese of West Tennessee.

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The Reverend Lilo Carr Rivera, Diocese of Long Island (Province II) is the assistant rector at St. Ann’s in Sayville, NY. Lilo holds a Master of Divinity from General Theological Seminary, a Master of Social Work from Hunter College (both in NYC), and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from MassArt in Boston, MA. Before her call to the priesthood, she worked as a hospital chaplain in palliative care, social worker, and as a graphic designer. Lilo loves preaching, spiritual formation and social justice ministry. She grew up in a family of five girls and is a wife and mother, experiences which inform her passion about global women’s rights.

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THANK YOU

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