

## EPISCOPAL PRESENCE AT UNCSW 68

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**Z. Karina Flores Arriola, Diocese of California (Province VIII)** is a social researcher and journalist graduated from the University of San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemalan refugee in the USA, activist and defender of women's human, civic and political rights in Guatemala and Latin America. She is a member of the Leadership Board of the Women's Democracy Network (WDN) initiative of the International Republican Institute (IRI), founder of WDN Guatemala Chapter and co-founder of the hemispheric initiative "Somos Lideresas" created at the IX Summit of the Americas held by the OAS. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the UNESCO Chair in Gender, Leadership and Equity of the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, and TSE in the International Rescue Committee (IRC) assisting Latin American refugees.

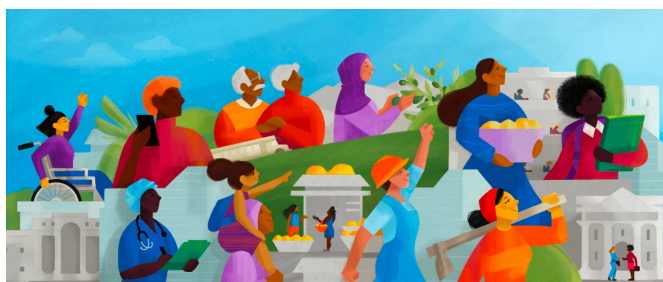


**Karen Woodward Ide, Diocese of Los Angeles (Province VIII)** resides in Los Angeles, California, with her husband, Brian, and her two children. In her professional life, she works as Managing Assistant City Attorney for the City of LA, overseeing the General Civil Litigation Division. She is a life-long Episcopalian and has been a member of All Saints' Parish, Beverly Hills, for over 20 years. She currently leads the parish's Immigration & Refugee Ministry. In the past 3 years, the parish has supported 19 Afghan refugee families in building new lives in the U.S. She is a passionate advocate for the rights of Afghan refugees in the United States as well as the women of Afghanistan.

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**The Reverend Luz Maria Lambis Garces, Diocese of Colombia (Province IX)** is a priest in the Diocese of Colombia. Her pastoral work is carried out in the Parish of the Holy Cross in Cartagena de Indias. She holds a Bachelor of Theology and has been a Business Administrator and professional in Foreign Trade and Logistics. She has completed diplomas relating to protective communities for children, solidarity economy, Anglicanism workshop, human talent management, liturgical 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 savings and microcredit. They work with women, young people and girls in the community, in empowerment and leadership.



**Faith LeMasters, Diocese of Los Angeles (Province VIII)** is a member of St. George's in Riverside, CA, and channels her passion for justice and equity through journalism. As a writer, journalist, and editor, she advocates for women and girls facing exploitation in the garment industry. Her work underscores the significance of human rights, weaving a narrative that speaks to the heart of social justice issues. Grounded in faith, she seeks to embody the love of Christ in every endeavor, utilizing her platform to champion justice and promote equality.

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**Karen Neilsen, Diocese of Ohio (Province V)** is a member of St. Timothy's in Macedonia, Ohio, where she has, among other things, taught Sunday school and served on the Altar Guild. She has been a representative to the Mission Area and Diocesan Councils, and an alternate delegate to General Convention. In her work life, she is a career attorney with the U.S. Government. She practices federal labor law enforcing employees' rights to organize and engage in collective bargaining. She has worked for the U.N.'s International Labour Organization in Geneva on secondment and remains an active member in the bar.



**The Reverend Robin Newman, Diocese of New York (Province II)** serves as Deacon of St. Luke's Church in The Bronx, New York. As a long-term mission partner with the Diocese of Central Tanganyika (DCT) in Tanzania, she has been involved in various projects aligned with the vision and priorities of the Bishop of DCT. These projects have focused on food security, climate change, education, and deaf ministry. To facilitate communication with people in Tanzania, Deacon Robin studied Swahili at Columbia University and is currently attending sign language classes. She is Diaconate Fund Chair of the Church Periodical Club, member of the Global Mission Commission, Co-Chair of the Tanzania Task Force, and Global Mission Advocate for The National Church. Deacon Robin is a member of The Order of St. John.



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**Lori Petrie, Diocese of Chicago (Province V)** is originally a Kentuckian who currently sells, obsesses over, and reads far into the night books in Hyde Park, Chicago. She earned a degree in biblical exegesis from Wheaton College in Illinois, where her academic interests focused on gender and sexuality within the bible and the modern church. She leads the young adults' group at her parish church, Saint Paul and the Redeemer, in small group meetings and probably too many board game nights.

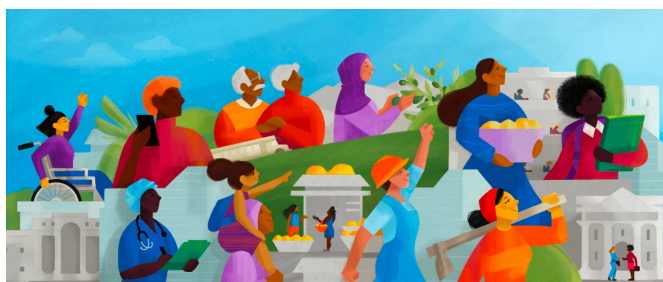


**The Reverend Madeleine Rebouché, Diocese of Tennessee (Province IV)** grew up in Shreveport, LA. She graduated with a B.A. in Religion and Writing from Texas Christian University before moving to Colorado where she lived and worked with incarcerated teenagers. Madeleine graduated with her M.Div. in 2019 from Duke Divinity School, then moved to Nashville in 2020 to continue her theological studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She was ordained to the Priesthood in Western Louisiana in January 2021 and began serving at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville. Madeleine has worked as a chaplain in a women's prison and at Duke University Hospital where she specialized in Pediatric Palliative Care. When she is not at church, you may find her and her yellow lab, Olive, on a paddle board or scooting around Nashville on her red moped.

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**The Reverend Lilo Carr Rivera, Diocese of Long Island (Province II)** is the Interim Priest-in-Charge, at Christ Episcopal Church in Bellport, 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.



**The Reverend Claudia Scheda, Diocese of Western New York (Province II)** has been a priest for 13 years. She leads two congregations in the Diocese of Western New York; St. David's in suburban West Seneca and St. John's-Grace in the city of Buffalo. She has worked in prison ministry, reproductive health education and access, and medical missions to Nigeria, and her congregations support ministries for the poor and hungry in their neighborhoods. She is deeply concerned that a world-wide increase in authoritarianism and national increase in fundamentalism threaten the safety of women and families at home and abroad.

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#### **THANK YOU**

The Presiding Bishop's delegation is grateful to God for the leadership of The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate and President Julia Ayala Harris, President of the House of Deputies (a past Presiding Bishop's delegate for The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion delegations) the support of their home and host communities and women and girls in all their diversity, everywhere.

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