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EGYPT 2022

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop's Delegation to COP27

United Nations Climate Change Advocacy
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"As an Indigenous woman I want to raise my voice on behalf of our people-the most vulnerable who are in great jeopardy, losing home, livelihood and identity because of the climate crisis. We Indigenous folks consider our earth as our living mother and all creation as siblings. We have much to teach and share in the caring for Mother Earth."

BISHOP CAROL GALLAGHER

Diocese of Massachusetts

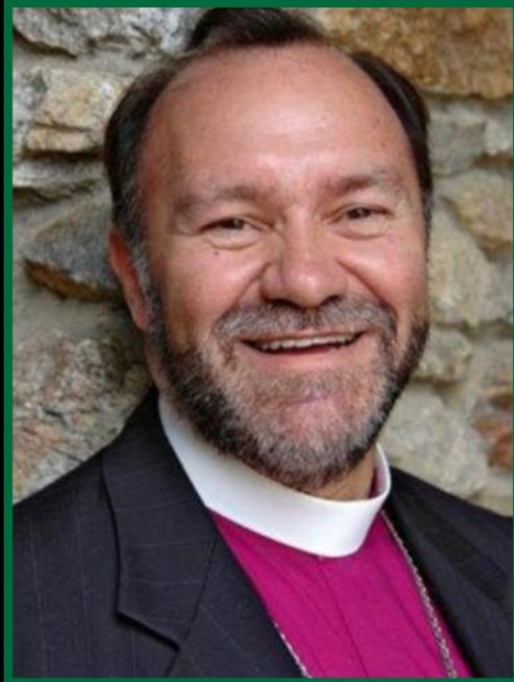




"Creation justice is not work for me. It is devotion. It is following my Jesus. It's a much-loved labor I will retire into.... Part of my calling is to implement global initiatives at home by converting them into engines for individual and congregational transformation."

JOHN KYDD,
Diocese of Olympia





Mi interés en participar en la COP27, está dirigido en conocer los avances científicos pero también en conocer las llamadas urgencias para armonizar las políticas internacionales con las nacionales en procesos de incidencia política... La Comunión Anglicana y TEC., están comprometidos en terminar con los combustibles no renovables y buscar los medios de adquirir energías limpias. Nuestro compromiso con el cuidado de la creación es fundamental como mayordomos de ella.

BISHOP FRANCISCO DUQUE

Diocese of Colombia





"At COP27 Episcopalians can live their witness by advocating for and amplifying the voices of frontline communities. As Christians, we have a responsibility to care for all of God's creation: earth and all of its living beings. It is a worldwide stage in which to demand justice, as I believe Jesus would have us do."

Ms. Aisha Huertas
Diocese of Virginia



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"COP 27 is important because the planet is suffering due to human actions over the years which have caused climate change. And it's up to governments, institutions, businesses and NGOs to come together to help save our planet not for us but also for future generations. Episcopalians need to address climate change -it takes everyone to make a difference. Creating creation care groups at our churches is one way to get started and make an impact on climate change."

Anita Urassa

Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe



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"As the Episcopal Church – we must be on the forefront of providing models of adaptation and resilience – leaning into a mindset of abundance (remembering there is already enough for everyone) rather than a mindset of scarcity (which only breeds fear and brings about violence)...Not only this, but the Church has a unique quality in that it brings together people of diverse skillsets, strengths, passions, and perspectives. If we live into the vision of ourselves as part of the Body of Christ, we truly can change the world. This is the hope I choose to live into, however naïve it may be. If we don't dream a better world, it'll never come into being. And if we don't strive for the Beloved Community now, it will not become a reality"

Rev. Anna Shine

Diocese of Western North Carolina



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"Episcopalians, ALL followers of Jesus, are called to make the self-sacrificial changes necessary to reduce our carbon consumption, reduce our consumption, our greed. Our unrestrained consumption and our lives separated from the land, the earth, are lives removed from God. If we are to take seriously our call to live a Jesus shaped life, to care about justice, dignity, and to walk humbly before God, we must repent and change how we are living."

Bishop MARK LATTIME
Diocese of Alaska





"As a PhD student in environmental economics, I recognize climate change as one of the most pressing global challenges of our time and believe that international collaboration, like the COP27 summit, is the way to solve it. As an Episcopalian, I feel particularly called to address the challenge of climate change as part of caring for God's creation and of caring for our fellow humans ."

KELSEY LARSON

Diocese of Massachusetts



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"COP27 represents a large-scale, global conversation that is very much the same as the conversations being had in the Episcopal community today. Being a fellow in the Episcopal Service Corps and serving at local organizations has given me insight into how underrepresented perspectives in the Church shape the fight for eco-justice. The Episcopalian values of caring for our shared home and caring for our fellow human beings are present at the local level and dovetail into the global conversation around environmental justice, climate inequality, and climate change."

Coco de Marneffe

Diocese of New York



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"The Church plays a key role in the advocacy for our environment not only by setting an example but also educating those with the knowledge of Christ to benefit others and the environment. The 17 U.N. Sustainability Goals focus on poverty, environmental restoration, education, peace, and partnership. These goals align with what Jesus set out to accomplish, teach about the kingdom of heaven, heal those who are sick, bring peace to those in distress, and to start a tradition that will span longer than any kingdom on Earth. Christians are obligated due to their faith to follow in those footsteps."

Ethan Marshall

Diocese of Southwest Florida



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"Jesus was pretty specific, not just that we should love one another, but how we should do it: by feeding and offering water, by sheltering, by healing and teaching those who are in need. I often refer to these as the 'logistics of love'; we show our love by taking care of each other's logistical needs. It is precisely these logistical needs, precisely the food, the water and the shelter that are most threatened by climate change."

JUSTIN DEHNERT
Diocese of New York





"The USA is responsible for the greatest daily damage to the planet, and, as Episcopalians, we recognize our faithful duty to make amends and to contribute to the urgent need for reversal of this damage that impacts so many lives worldwide. Also, as Episcopalians we recognize our national history of environmental injustice in many communities, disproportionately affecting the Indigenous, Blacks, People of Color and the socio-economically disadvantaged."

AYESHA MUTOPE-JOHNSON

Diocese of Texas





"I was drawn to this work because of my reverence for environmental leaders advocating for environmental issues and change where their faith plays a central role. This work and research deepened my understanding of environmental issues, how they can affect people, and how people of faith can get involved in making change."

Kara-Lyn Moran
Diocese of New York

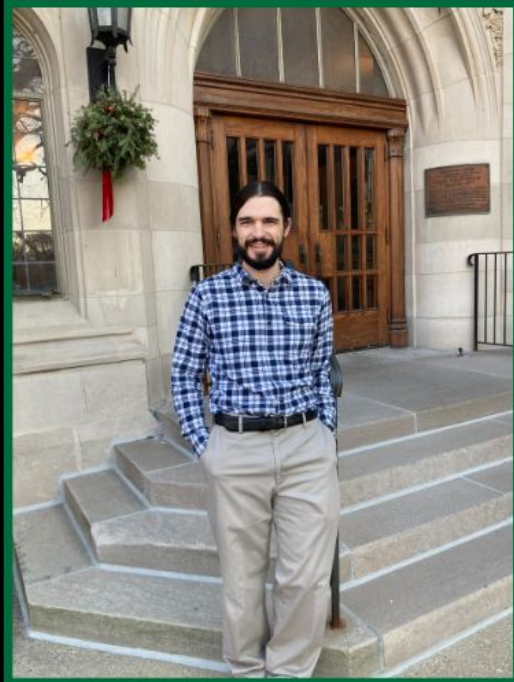




"I believe that we are living in an historic moment. I believe that the climate crisis is at its root a spiritual crisis. The climate crisis is a visible expression of a profound dissociation and fragmentation within ourselves and a loss of our way as a human community living as a part of this planet home."

Dr. M. Paloma Pavel,
Diocese of California





"Climate change is not merely an environmental issue; it is per se a poverty issue and a human rights issue, and "if one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it" (1 Cor. 12:26). If indeed we seek to heed Christ's commands to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and welcome the stranger, then we cannot ignore the ways in which climate change will give rise to still more who hunger, more who thirst, and more who are displaced."

Mr. Seán Hansen
Diocese of Chicago





"I deeply believe that the climate crisis is intersectional, and therefore our response must also be. I am a person of faith, holding firm to the idea that our response to climate must be a moral one, not just a scientific one."

Katie Ruth

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania



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“Environmental injustice threatens God’s creation on many fronts, and I think it is the greatest threat we face today as Christians and as people. Meaningful action is imperative, and the church can play a role not only in providing a voice at the conference, but also in bringing that which is learned back into the community and encouraging others to take action.”

EMMA HENNEN

Diocese of North Carolina





"While the scientific consensus regarding our plight is grim, and the predictions for the future dire, we as Christians are called to love our neighbors as ourselves – always -- regardless of whether fair or foul. We can embrace the hope of the Good News and the promise of the Resurrection in guiding us through these perilous times. Even in the midst of our mishaps and misadventures, we continue to be called back to practice careful stewardship of God's creation. God looks to us to recognize our failures and apply the intellect and reason with which we have been endowed to develop thoughtful and creative ways to counteract past excesses."

Mr. Christopher Fullerton
Diocese of West Texas

