



Full and Equal

50 Years in Pursuit of a Promise

Conference Schedule | Sept. 3–5, 2026 | Sheraton Minneapolis Downtown Convention Center

This three-day gathering commemorates the 50th anniversary of the 1976 General Convention resolution affirming that LGBTQ+ people have a full and equal claim upon the church's love, acceptance, pastoral concern, and care. The conference combines worship, learning, storytelling, workshops, fellowship, and practical tools for archiving and advocacy.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 3

Time	Session	Details
Breakfast	On your own	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome	Opening remarks and orientation to the gathering.
9:15–11:15 a.m.	Plenary: Storytelling with The Moth	An introduction to Peabody Award-winning storytelling techniques used by The Moth.
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Workshops	Moth small-group storytelling workshop; a facilitated opportunity for participants to develop personal stories. (Participants choose one Moth workshop time.) <i>Evolution & Adaptation: Queer Anglicanism</i> , with The Rev. Dr. Patrick Cheng (1 hour; repeated at 1:30 p.m.) <i>But We DID Do the Theology: Anglican Queer Theology Through the Ages</i> , with Dr. Scott MacDougall (1 hour; repeated at 1:30 p.m.)
Lunch	On your own	Use the break for fellowship, rest, or informal networking.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Workshops	<i>Evolution & Adaptation: Queer Anglicanism</i> , with The Rev. Dr. Patrick Cheng (repeated from earlier) <i>But We DID Do the Theology: Anglican Queer Theology Through the Ages</i> , with Dr. Scott MacDougall (repeated from earlier)

2:30–4:30 p.m.	Moth Story Workshop	Moth small-group storytelling workshop; a facilitated opportunity for participants to develop personal stories. (Participants choose one Moth workshop time.)
5:00–7:00 p.m.	Moth Story Workshop	Moth small-group storytelling workshop; a facilitated opportunity for participants to develop personal stories (Participants choose one Moth workshop time.)
Dinner	On your own	
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Evening networking	Hosted evening fellowship and informal gathering.

Friday, Sept. 4

Time	Session	Details
Breakfast	On your own	
9:00–10:00 a.m.	Plenary: The Story of Then	Historical reflections on the church's path toward affirming LGBTQ+ inclusion.
10:15–11:15 a.m.	Workshops	<i>Knowing our History: How and Why to Record the Story of Us</i>, with Mx. Rory Graves and The Rev. Dr. Carla Roland Guzmán <i>Behind the Curtain: Legislative Strategizing, Past & Future</i>, with The Rev. Michael Hopkins, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie Perry and The Rev. Charles Graves, IV <i>What We Were Up Against: The Resistance to Change</i>, with Mr. Jim Naughton
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Plenary: The Story of Now	A conversation with two LGBTQIA inclusion activists and Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. The Rev. Ryan Hawthorne, Ms. Katie Sherrod and The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Lunch	On your own	Break for reflection and informal connection.
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Workshops	<i>Singing God's Song in a Foreign Land: Immigration issues affecting the Queer Community</i>, with The Rev. Sarah Shipman <i>Intersectionality: Moving from Being an Ally to a Co-Conspirator</i>, with Ms. Heidi J. Kim, The Rev. Shug Goodlow and The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Lagman <i>Auditing the Promise: How are We Living into A069?</i> with The Rev. RJ Powell and The Rev. Tory Moir
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Plenary: The Story of Next	The Rt. Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo, The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Mello, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie Perry and The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson consider how the church has changed in the 23 years since Gene Robinson broke the “rainbow barrier,” and where it still needs to change.

Reception (6:00) and Dinner 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Banquet, Film and Speakers	<i>The Story of Us: Our History, Our Lives, 1976 – 2026.</i> Fifty years of triumph and setback are chronicled in a new series of videos by acclaimed communicator Ms. Katie Sherrod. Woven into this program's narrative are four voices of perseverance, faith, tenderness and conviction. Hear stories from The Rev. Michael Hopkins, Ms. Ana Hernández, The Rev. Miguel Escobar and The Rev. Tory Moir.
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Saturday, Sept. 5

Time	Session	Details
Breakfast	On your own	
9:00— 10:00 a.m.	Workshops	<i>Make these Words more than Words: Advocacy in the Parish & Diocese</i>, with Mr. Thomas Diaz and The Rev. Janie Koch <i>Covenants, Grace, Thanksgiving: Liturgies that focus on ministry with LGBTQ+ people</i>, with The Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers and The Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge <i>Government Roles, Trans Goals: Organizing for the Public Sphere around Trans Issues</i>, with Mr. Alan Yarborough, Ms. Molly Wills Carnes, Ms. Sarah Lawton and The Rev. Kit Wang
11:00— 12:30 p.m.	Closing Eucharist	Concluding worship at St. Mark's Cathedral, with Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe as Presider and the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson as Preacher.

Workshop Descriptions

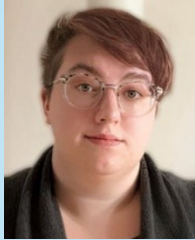
Time	Name	Description
Thursday, September 3 11:30, 2:30, 5:00	The Moth	Moth-style small-group storytelling workshop; a facilitated opportunity for participants to develop personal stories. (Participants choose one of three Moth workshop times.)
Thursday, September 3 11:30 am and 1:30 pm	But We DID Do the Theology: Anglican Queer Theology Through the Ages MacDougall	As we progressed toward full inclusion in The Episcopal Church, a common refrain among those resisting it was, “We haven’t done the theology.” But we had. This session explores some of the theological work that was done to support making all of the sacraments available for all of the baptized. (This workshop is offered twice, at 11:30 am & 1:30 pm.)
Thursday, September 3 11:30 am and 1:30 pm	Evolution & Adaptation: Queer Anglicanism Cheng	This workshop will provide an overview of the history of same-sex-attracted and gender-variant individuals and movements within the Church of England, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion from the 16th century to today. The workshop will also explore the work of key LGBTIQ+ Episcopal and Anglican theologians with respect to queer theology, queer of color theory, and queer postcolonial thought. (This workshop is offered twice, at 11:30 am & 1:30 pm.)
Friday, September 4 10:15am	Knowing our History: How and Why to Record the Story of Us Graves, Roland Guzmán	Gain practical tips for story gathering and preservation in your local setting. Find resources and best practices for telling the stories of where we have been, and where we are going.
Friday, September 4 10:15am	Behind the Curtain: Legislative Strategizing, Past & Future Hopkins, Perry, Graves	In 1976 the passage of A069 was the result of intentional planning and networking, with twists and turns along the way. Hear about the evolution of legislative strategizing and gain tips for how to get General Convention legislation passed.
Friday, September 4 10:15am	What We Were Up Against: The Resistance to Change Naughton	The campaign to treat LGBTQIA people as full and equal members of the Episcopal Church met well-funded and well-organized opposition, especially after the ordination of Bishop Gene Robinson in 2003. In this workshop, we'll explore the church's internal opposition — who they were, what they wanted, and where their funding came from. We'll also examine the efforts of Anglican Communion leaders — particularly Rowan Williams, who was the Archbishop of Canterbury at the time — to halt the movement toward equality, and marginalize those who persisted.

Friday, September 4 2:00 pm	Singing God's Song in a Foreign Land: Immigration issues affecting the Queer Community Shipman	Each year, thousands of individuals flee persecution based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. They seek safety in new lands where they face both challenges unique to the LGBTQ+ community and those of building new lives in an unfamiliar and sometimes unwelcoming environment. Learn more about the challenges and discover how churches can respond.
Friday, September 4 2:00 pm	Intersectionality : Moving from Being an Ally to a Co-Conspirator Kim, Goodlow, Lagman	Through a panel conversation with leaders holding intersecting identities, we invite you to move beyond performative allyship (the bumper sticker, the rainbow symbol) toward becoming co-conspirators. Expect hard questions and an invitation into ongoing learning, unlearning, and a sense of call to discern next steps.
Friday, September 4 2:00 pm	Auditing the Promise: How are We Living into A069? Powell, Moir	In 2022 the Task Force on LGBTQ+ Inclusion was directed to audit the church in order to create a snapshot of how it is measuring up to General Convention's statements regarding LGBTQ+ people and how it is complying with Canons and Resolutions mandating full inclusion. Come hear how we're doing and get a preview of our upcoming full report.
Saturday, September 5 9:00 am	Make these Words more than Words: Advocacy in the Parish & Diocese Diaz, Koch	Intentionally affirming churches view the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons as a justice issue rooted in God's inclusive love. This is a nuts and bolts workshop about reinvigorating LGBTQ+ ministry at the parish and/or diocesan level.
Saturday, September 5 9:00 am	Covenants, Grace, Thanksgiving: Liturgies that focus on ministry with LGBTQ+ people Meyers, Partridge	The Episcopal Church provides liturgies for LGBTQ+ people because it believes in a radical, inclusive theology where all individuals are recognized as beloved children of God. Learn about and use new expanded language for naming ceremonies, marriage, adoptions, house blessings, and more.
Saturday, September 5 9:00 am	Government Roles, Trans Goals: Organizing for the Public Sphere around Trans Issues Yarborough, Carnes, Lawton, Wang	Hear about the role of the Office of Government Relations and how it and others are equipping individuals and faith communities to mobilize into advocacy for government legislation around trans rights in extremely difficult times.

Speakers and Workshop Leaders

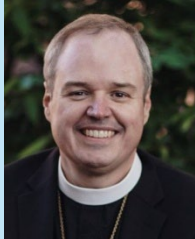
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	The Rev. Cynthia Black (She/her) Plenary speaker	Cynthia attended her first General Convention in 1979 and has been a deputy or alternate to all but one Convention since 1991. She and Louie Crew Clay were the first openly LGBTQ deputies elected to the Episcopal Church Executive Council, serving together from 2000-2006. She was president of the Episcopal Women's Caucus and a member of Claiming the Blessing. She did advocacy work at both the 1998 and 2008 Lambeth Conferences, and with Dr. Katie Sherrod, directed and produced "Voices of Witness Africa," a film about the experiences of LGBTQ+ Anglicans in Africa. She currently serves as chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
	Ms. Anne Clark Brown (She/her) Plenary speaker	Anne is a General Convention Lay Deputy from the Diocese of Vermont. Her long General Convention service began in 1991 in Phoenix as an observer. She and her wife, the Rev. Canon Lee Alison Crawford, a Vermont Clergy Deputy, have served together as advocates for LGBTQ+ inclusion and rights at every convention since 1997. Brown retired from her role as communicator and editor of the diocesan monthly newspaper in 2012, but remained active as chair of the Diocesan Convention Resolutions Committee through 2025. Brown and Crawford live in a home they built in Plymouth, Vermont
	Mr. Kim Byham (He/him) Plenary speaker	Kim has served extensively in the Episcopal Church at the parish, diocesan, and church-wide levels. A prominent advocate for LGBTQ+ inclusion, he co-authored over thirty successful resolutions at various General Conventions, including measures to prohibit ordination discrimination, secure pension benefits for same-sex clergy partners, and to issue an official Church apology to the LGBT community. Kim served on the Executive Council and chaired the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility. He also was part of Claiming the Blessing and was coordinator of The Consultation, a coalition of progressive Episcopal groups.
	Ms. Molly Wills Carnes (She/her) Workshop Leader	Molly, a lay evangelist, has been a faithful and vocal ally challenging the Texas legislature since 2017. Her ministry is marked by publicly striving for justice and peace through courageous advocacy for LGBTQ+ rights, despite facing hostility. A parent of a transgender child, her testimonies have profoundly impacted marginalized communities. She speaks across the country, working to make the lives of LGBTQ+ Americans safer, fairer, and fuller. Her family's journey is profiled in Nico Lang's book, American Teenager: How Trans Kids are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era and she has appeared on CBS, NPR and MSNOW. Molly is a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cypress, Texas.
	The Rev. Dr. Patrick Cheng (He/him) Workshop Leader	Patrick is an Episcopal priest, theologian, and attorney. He serves as an Associate Priest at the Church of the Transfiguration in Manhattan. He has taught Anglican studies, systematic theology, and church history at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York and Episcopal Divinity School. Patrick has published three books on queer theology, including Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology. He holds a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary, a J.D. from Harvard Law

		School, and a B.A. from Yale College. For more information, please see his website at www.patrickcheng.net .
	Mr. Thomas Diaz (He/him) Workshop Leader	Thomas is Chair of the Diocese of Los Angeles' Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry. He was led to All Saints, Pasadena more than a decade ago after discovering a YouTube video of a sermon by the Rev. Susan Russell. He recently completed his ministry there, serving full time as Director of Connection and Care, overseeing pastoral care, small-group ministries, and community engagement. He served as Co-Chair of their recent bishop search process, is Chair of the Diocesan deputation to General Convention and serves as Vice Chair of the Standing Commission on World Mission. He previously served on the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.
	The Rev. Miguel Escobar (He/him) Banquet Storyteller	Miguel is an Episcopal priest serving at San Andrés Episcopal Church in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Deeply committed to social justice, his ministry explores the intersection of faith and economic justice. He previously led Anglican Studies at Episcopal Divinity School. A native of the Texas Hill Country, he earned a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in 2007. He serves on the board of Forward Movement and wrote <i>The Unjust Steward: Wealth, Poverty, and the Church Today</i> .
	The Rt. Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo (He/Him/El) Plenary speaker	Antonio, born in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, is the first Latino bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. He is a dedicated advocate for immigration justice and LGBTQ+ inclusion. Prior to being elected Bishop he served at three multicultural, multilingual congregations, small and large, in the diocese. He serves as a trustee on the Episcopal Divinity School board and is a lecturer at the College of Business Administration at Cal Poly Pomona. He holds three engineering degrees, an M.Div. and a Ph.D. in Business and Economics.
	The Rev. Shug Goodlow (She/her) Workshop Leader	Shug serves as Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla, MO. After 25 years as Head Verger at the St. Louis Cathedral, she was ordained to the priesthood and served two local parishes. A dedicated advocate for racial justice and inclusion, she is the diocesan Missioner for Racial Reconciliation and President of the local Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) chapter. Shug serves on the LGBTQIA+ Task Force, co-chairs the diocesan Revival, and acts as Chaplain for the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church. She is a Trustee for the Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust (EPHT) and a regular panelist for the Prophetic Preaching Podcast.
	The Rev. Charles Graves, IV (He/him) Workshop Leader	Charles is the Fourteenth Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Charles is a seventh-generation Episcopalian and previously served as campus minister at the University of Houston and curate at Church of the Advent in Cincinnati. Educated at Hampton University and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, he has served since 2019 as a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. Rev. Charles enjoys spending time with his husband Chris, traveling, and trying all kinds of seafood.

	Mx. Rory Graves (They/Them) Workshop Leader	Rory is the DeKoven Center Archivist. Bringing over twelve years of experience to the role, Graves previously worked at institutions like the School Sisters of St. Francis Archives (Milwaukee, WI), Racine Heritage Museum Archives (Racine, WI), and the Resource Center of the Civil War Museum (Kenosha, WI). Graves holds a BA in History with a minor in Anthropology and a Museum Studies Certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (2019). Actively engaged in the field, they are a member of the Society of American Archivists and recently completed the Digital Archives Specialist certification.
	The Rev. Dr. Carla Roland Guzmán (Any) Workshop Leader	Carla is a Puerto Rican, queer, gender-non-conforming Episcopal priest and academic currently serving as Parish Chaplain of Grace Episcopal Church in Port Jervis, NY. Carla works to delink from hegemonic epistemologies in the field, in theological education, and in the Episcopal Church. Ordained for close to 25 years, they have extensive practical and academic knowledge on the Episcopal Church and Anglicanism and their global histories. Currently serving as Assistant Professor of Church History at General Theological Seminary, Carla presents at conferences in the US and Brazil. Publications include Unmasking Latinx Ministry for Episcopalians: An Anglican Approach (CPI, 2020), chapters, articles and reviews in various journals and edited volumes.
	The Rev. Ryan Hawthorne (She/her) Plenary speaker	Ryan is a lifelong Texan and revels in the great joy of raising Noelle, a super cool 13-year-old. She is currently the rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas. Ryan loves exploring ministry and theology on the edge and at the intersections of race, class, and gender/sexuality. In her free time Ryan enjoys exploring Houston and any activity involving water.
	Ms. Ana Hernández (She/They/We) Banquet Storyteller	Ana is a composer, recording artist, activist, liturgist and theomusicologist, using music and meditation to deepen our prayer lives and foster deep, generative listening. She's produced nine albums, is the author of Hold My Hope: Songs of Ana Hernández, a sheet music collection (due in Oct. from augsburgfortress.org) and The Sacred Art of Chant (Skylight Paths/Turner). She served on the Standing Commission for Liturgy and Music (2012-2018), and was co-editor of The Book of Occasional Services. For more Information, go to www.anahernandez.org.
	The Rev. Michael Hopkins (He/him) Banquet Storyteller, Workshop Leader	Michael is an Episcopal priest serving at the Church of the Redeemer in Addison, NY. After his 1988 seminary graduation, he studied at the Catholic University of America. He previously served parishes in Glenn Dale, MD, and Rochester, NY. From 1998 to 2003, Michael was President of Integrity, the LGBTQ Episcopal advocacy group. He holds an MFA from Seattle Pacific University and authored Called to Act: The Origins of Christian Responsibility. He lives in Upstate New York with his husband, John, where he directs the Finger Lakes SPCA and chairs CASA-Trinity.

	Ms. Heidi J. Kim <i>(She/her)</i> Workshop Leader	Heidi is the Executive Director of the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice. Known for her expertise in organizational development and spiritual formation, she previously served as The Episcopal Church's Staff Officer for Racial Reconciliation and as the Interim Canon for Discipleship in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Heidi is a dedicated lay leader who has engaged issues of equity for decades. She co-authored <i>Becoming Beloved Community</i>, the strategic framework for the denomination's racial healing. Through workshops, coaching, and conflict transformation, she specializes in empowering faith-based institutions. Throughout her career, she has remained passionate about fostering inclusive communities that speak across differences.
	The Rev. Janie Koch <i>(She/her)</i> Workshop Leader	Janie was called as Priest and Vicar to All Saints, McAlester OK in 2019 and married Shelly in 2020. Understanding the frustration, shame, and loss that so many feel, she and Shelly are intensely passionate for affirming LGBTQ2+ persons. She's getting her DMin at VTS with a thesis on church hurt/religious trauma for the LGBTQ+ community; trauma from a church and society that's immensely dehumanizing and destructive. She desires that all persons exist within the restorative work of Jesus that we state in our Baptismal Covenant—Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
	The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Lagman <i>(She/her)</i> Workshop Leader	Jo Ann is the Asiamerica missionary for The Episcopal Church, serving on the staff of the Presiding Bishop. In this role, she advocates for and accompanies Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities across the church—identifying and encouraging emerging leaders, organizing convocations and retreats, and connecting congregations and dioceses in shared ministry and witness. A Filipino American, Jo Ann is a Family Medicine physician. She earned a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, a diploma in Anglican Studies from Bexley Seabury Seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Chicago in 2019, where she serves as an assisting priest at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Downers Grove.
	Ms. Sarah Lawton <i>(She/her)</i> Workshop Leader	Sarah is a lay leader in the Diocese of California and a longtime organizer for immigrant, labor, and human rights. As the older sister of a trans person, she has served on the steering committee of TransEpiscopal since 2009 and championed early trans-inclusive resolutions at General Convention. In the Episcopal Church, Lawton currently chairs the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility and has led multiple committees related to US and international justice. A second-generation General Convention deputy and 2013 House of Deputies medal recipient, she also serves on the Trans & Non-Binary Working Group in her diocese.
	Dr. Scott MacDougall <i>(He/him)</i> Workshop Leader	Scott is the Director for Theological Resources for The Episcopal Church. He holds a doctorate in systematic theology from Fordham University and an M.A. in Anglican theology from The General Theological Seminary, and was associate professor at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and the Graduate Theological Union. A prolific author, he wrote <i>More than Communion</i> and <i>The Shape of Anglican Theology</i> and co-edited the <i>Anglican Theological Review</i>. MacDougall previously served as theologian to the House of Deputies and currently serves on its Task Force on AI and Intellectual Property.

	The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Mello (He/him) Plenary speaker	Jeffrey is the sixteenth bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT). Born in Rhode Island, he earned a B.A. in Theater Performance from Rhode Island College, an M.S.W. from Simmons University, and an M.Div. from the Episcopal Divinity School. Ordained a deacon in 2007 and a priest in 2008, Bishop Mello served parishes in Cambridge and Brookline, Massachusetts, until his election as ECCT's Bishop Diocesan in 2022.
	The Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers (She/her) Workshop Leader	Ruth is Hodges-Haynes Professor Emerita of Liturgics at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, where she also served as Dean of Academic Affairs (2012–2023). A noted liturgical scholar and former president of the North American Academy of Liturgy, she has authored and edited numerous books, including <i>Missional Worship</i>, <i>Worshipful Mission</i>; <i>Praying Shapes Believing</i>; and <i>The Oxford Handbook of the Book of Common Prayer</i>. A devoted Episcopal Church leader, she chaired its Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (2009-2015) and is a long-time deputy to the General Convention.
	The Rev. Tory Moir (They/Them) Banquet Storyteller, Workshop Leader	Tory is a multidisciplinary creative, Episcopal priest, and the first transgender priest ordained in the Diocese of Colorado. Raised in Colorado, they live with their wife, two busy kids, two cats, and houseplants. They blend spirituality with creativity to welcome others into loving relationships. Tory is also a PhD student focusing on Practical Theology at the University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology. Coming from a family of musicians, they practice diverse art forms. Tory's ministry witnesses to the infinite variety of human expression, proclaiming that everyone is a beloved child of God.
	Mr. Jim Naughton (He/him) Workshop Leader	Jim is a prominent communications strategist, author, and former journalist who has shaped public relations for The Episcopal Church. He served as the Canon for Communications and Advancement for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and is the founder and former editor-in-chief of the independent news and reflection website <i>Episcopal Café</i>, which has since closed. Following his journalism career with outlets like <i>The New York Times</i> and <i>The Washington Post</i>, Naughton transitioned to church communications. He co-founded <i>Canticle Communications</i>, a strategic consulting firm that has represented numerous congregations, dioceses, and advocacy groups across the denomination.
	The Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge (He/him) Workshop Leader	Cameron is an openly transgender Episcopal priest and theologian who has served in parish, divinity school, and campus ministry settings since he was ordained in 2004/5. He completed his Th.D. in 2008 and has taught at Harvard College, Harvard Divinity School, Episcopal Divinity School, and Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He is a founding member of <i>TransEpiscopal</i> and has been the rector of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in San Francisco since 2016.
	The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie Perry (She/her) Plenary speaker, Workshop Leader	Bonnie is the 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. A dedicated advocate for social justice, she serves as a co-convenor of Bishops United Against Gun Violence and co-founded End Gun Violence Michigan to promote sensible firearms legislation. Deeply committed to equality, she was appointed to the State of Michigan LGBTQ+ Commission in 2023 and champions racial reconciliation and voting rights. Perry holds degrees from the College of the Holy Cross, Union Theological Seminary, and Seabury Western Theological Seminary.

	The Rev. RJ Powell (He/him) Workshop Leader, Co-Chair of Task Force on LGBTQ+ Inclusion	RJ is an Episcopal priest based in East Tennessee. He is active in national church leadership, including work with the Task Force for LGBTQ+ Inclusion and the Methodist-Episcopal full-communion dialogue committee. He currently serves as the Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Maryville. He is the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer. He lived in Johnson County, TN where he attended seminary at Emmanuel Christian Seminary, worked with international students at East Tennessee State University, and was a member of St. John's Church before completing his training for ordination at Sewanee. He previously served for a decade as the campus minister and university chaplain at Tyson House, the Episcopal-Lutheran campus ministry at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.
	The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson (He/him) Plenary speaker, Preacher at closing Eucharist	Gene is a pioneering religious leader who served as the ninth Bishop of New Hampshire from 2003 to 2013. He made global history by becoming the first openly gay bishop in the Anglican Communion. Before his historic election, Robinson spent decades promoting clergy wellness, conflict resolution, and AIDS education. His 2003 consecration sparked intense controversy and a historic theological schism within the Anglican faith, even requiring him to wear a bulletproof vest during his initial activities. Despite facing death threats, his courageous leadership broke barriers and paved the way for LGBTQ+ inclusion. After retiring from his diocesan duties, he served as a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and has actively lobbied for marriage equality and civil rights worldwide.
	The Most Rev. Sean Rowe (He/him) Plenary speaker, Presider at Closing Eucharist	Sean took office as the 28th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church in November 2024. Serving as chief pastor and CEO, he brings expertise in adaptive change to strengthen local ministry. Ordained a bishop in 2007, Rowe previously led the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Western New York, and also served in the Diocese of Bethlehem. He holds a bachelor's degree from Grove City College, a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University. In 2022, he was awarded the House of Deputies medal for his service to the church.
	The Rev. Canon Susan Russell (She/her) Plenary speaker, Co-Chair of Task Force on LGBTQ+ Inclusion	Susan, a lifelong Episcopalian, serves on the Bishop's staff in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles as Canon for Engagement Across Difference. A globally recognized advocate for LGBTQ+ equity and women's issues, her pioneering leadership includes serving as president of Integrity USA and helping found the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Religion Council. Currently, she chairs the Task Force on LGBTQ+ Inclusion and serves on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, combining a lifetime of pastoral care with a prophetic commitment to full inclusion in the Church.
	Ms. Katie Sherrod (She/her) Plenary speaker, Documentary Producer	Katie is an award winning journalist with more than 40 years experience in newspapers, radio, television, and magazines. A champion for marginalized voices, she is the author of <i>Women of the Passion</i>, <i>A Journey to the Cross</i> and the writer and producer of the acclaimed documentary <i>Voices of Witness Africa</i>. She edited and contributed to <i>Grace & Gumption</i>, <i>A History of Women in Fort Worth</i>. She was Inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1987 and received an honorary doctorate from Episcopal Divinity School for her advocacy work for women. She has served as a deputy to the church's General Convention since 2009 and is on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church.

	The Rev. Sarah Shipman (She/her) Workshop Leader	Sarah is an Episcopal priest, an attorney, and the Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries which focused on refugee resettlement until the change in national immigration policies. Now EMM has shifted toward a redefined mission emphasizing support for diocesan and congregational migrant aid, global migration efforts in partnership with entities like the UNHCR and Anglican Communion bodies, and advocacy for migrant rights through education, weekly briefings, and toolkits for local action. A graduate of Washburn University School of Law, Shipman held several positions in the Kansas Department of Administration, including the secretary of administration, before serving as a Deputy Attorney General of Kansas.
	The Rev. Kit Wang (He/Him/His/They/Them/Theirs) Workshop Leader	Kit was ordained in 2008, served a variety of ministries and parishes, and in March of 2023 was called to serve as Priest-In-Charge of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Sanbornville, NH. A member of the steering committee of TransEpiscopal, Kit is passionate about gender justice and expansive inclusion, particularly as demonstrated in worship, and for children, youth and LGBTQ+ folks in the church. In addition to things church, Kit spends time walking or snowshoeing, often with their rambunctious dog, Sam; knitting lace shawls, baby blankets and hats; reading murder mysteries, practicing yoga, and enjoying the community of craft beer aficionados.
	Mr. Alan Yarborough (He/him) Workshop Leader	Alan is the church relations officer for The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, where he helps inspire advocacy and civic engagement across the U.S. Alan draws extensively from his experience living in rural and urban settings in the U.S. as well as several years abroad in Haiti and Guatemala. He holds an MA from the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School of Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University and a BS in economics from Clemson University. He recently launched Habits of Discourse, offering consulting and training in civil discourse, and is a Spring 2023 Better Arguments Ambassador.
	The Moth	Founded in 1997 by novelist George Dawes Green, The Moth was inspired by sultry evenings of storytelling in Green's native Georgia—nights when moths were drawn to the porch light as friends gathered to share true stories. The Moth has spent nearly 30 years developing a methodology for helping people find and share personal stories. At the center of everything The Moth does is a practice — a set of principles for helping people find, shape, and tell their stories. The Moth methodology works across contexts that look very different from one another. The Moth's 50+ instructors have taught personal storytelling workshops to midwives in Uganda, farmers, formerly and currently incarcerated individuals, peacebuilders, U.S. Marines, veterans, visual artists, public servants, healthcare workers and countless other community groups. The Moth's changemaker workshops bring Moth storytelling practice to communities and organizations where personal stories are essential — in building voice, deeper connection, and the capacity to advocate for change.