SUPPORTING COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

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PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Panel 1 | Supporting Asset-Based Community Initiatives
This panel draws on nearly four decades of experience in livelihood and micro-finance services, and is informed by evidence from asset-based community initiatives that clearly define and leverage community contributions for program design and implementation. It explores how development agents, including faith institutions, can transform their approaches from charity-based models to catalyze sustainable, community-based ownership for both program design and program finance. This panel highlights two examples from the Philippines and Angola.

Panel 2 | Ending Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
The newly signed United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) place renewed and increased emphasis on efforts to end all forms of discrimination globally, and particularly to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. Engaging faith leaders to be agents of social and cultural change in efforts to end Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) is a relatively underdeveloped and under-researched area. This panel features two examples from Liberia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Panel 3 | Empowering Community Volunteers
Much is discussed about the role of local community-based volunteers for sparking, supporting and monitoring changes in their communities. Yet, volunteers often come from the same resource-challenged environments as the very communities in which they work, and must carefully manage their household priorities, too. Faith institutions have considerable experience in motivating and galvanizing the energy of volunteers for community-based transformation. This panel focuses on the reflections of two partners, in Kenya and Burundi, to explore experiences in recruitment, motivation and support of volunteers working alongside smallholder farmers in highly vulnerable contexts.

Panel 4 | Leveraging Faith-Based Partnerships
As the international community becomes more engaged in ending extreme poverty and dramatically reducing preventable diseases, new partnerships are necessary to respond to the financial challenge of these endeavors, and to reach isolated and marginalized communities historically left behind. This panel engages two thought leaders with deep experience in philanthropic, public-private and multilateral partnerships, and offers reflections on the opportunities and challenges for bridge building between governments, new donors, social investors, established non-profit agencies and the faith-based sector.
Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure and honor to welcome you to Episcopal Relief & Development’s 2015 International Symposium, the capstone event of our 75th Anniversary Celebration.

From the very beginning of our planning, we have envisioned this as a time not only for in-depth discussion and exchange of expertise among our staff and international partners, but as a time for building fellowship and growing in relationship with one another. “Healing a hurting world” is a tall order, to say the least, and the energy that keeps us all going is a gift from God, through the mutual support and encouragement of our community. Thank you for being a part of this!

Deepest thanks are due to our esteemed panelists and moderators, some of whom have traveled great distances to be here, and to our key presenters:

• Newly installed Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, is a strong advocate for social justice and global development through transformational work at the community level and Church-wide.

• World Bank Group President Dr. Jim Yong Kim has spent decades improving public health and supporting international development, having also served as Director of the World Health Organization’s HIV/AIDS Department.

• Ray Suarez, now the host of “Inside Story” on Al Jazeera America, used the PBS NewsHour platform during his 14-year tenure there to bring attention to global health crises such as HIV/AIDS and malaria.

And…

• Actress, playwright, and social commentator Anna Deavere Smith has harnessed her creative genius to spark conversation and action on social issues such as racism, health care and the ‘school-to-prison’ pipeline.

We look forward to many energizing moments and engaging conversations during this gathering, and we invite everyone to participate boldly, ask questions, meet new people and be inspired by the ideas, programs and stories that are saving lives and changing the world.

Faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke
President

Abagail Nelson
Senior Vice President, Programs
“OVER THE YEARS, Episcopal Relief & Development has played a significant role as an expression of the Gospel call to respond to human need with loving service.

I encourage dioceses, congregations and individuals to celebrate, support and pray for Episcopal Relief & Development’s transforming work in this, their 75th year, and in the years to come.”

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby | Archbishop of Canterbury
22 October 2015

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To Episcopal Relief & Development

I am delighted to send this letter of congratulations to mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Episcopal Relief & Development.

Over these years, Episcopal Relief & Development has played a significant role as an expression of the Gospel call to respond to human need with loving service. For 75 years, it has reflected its central vocation of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ through relief and development work, alongside partners and supporters across the Anglican Communion. Taking its inspiration from Matthew 25: 37-40, Episcopal Relief & Development has been standing with the local church in places of need.

In my visits to churches in the Anglican Communion, I have seen first-hand how local congregations, dioceses and provinces seek to tackle poverty, inequality, and suffering due to conflict, natural disaster, disease and other causes.

This time last year, I visited the Church in West Africa, who were courageously tackling the Ebola crisis. Here, too, Episcopal Relief & Development has been supporting the churches, offering prayer and physical support. Here, as with its counterparts in nearly 40 countries, the agency helps to strengthen the bonds which hold us together in our common embrace of Kingdom values.

In recent years, Episcopal Relief & Development has played an important role as one of the founders of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy, helping to shape lasting change throughout the Anglican Communion. I am very appreciative of the support that it has given to nurture the development of the Anglican Alliance.

Episcopal Relief & Development has also played a key role in promoting the transformative, faith-driven approach to Asset Based Community Development. This approach is being embraced widely across the Anglican Communion by churches and agencies, setting the standard for an empowering, self-sustaining force for community development, with the local church, inspired by faith, serving as the catalyst.

I encourage dioceses, congregations and individuals to celebrate, support and pray for Episcopal Relief & Development’s transforming work in this, their 75th year, and in the years to come.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury
Lambeth Palace, London SE1 7JU
AGENDA

12:00  BUFFET LUNCHEON

1:00  WELCOMING REMARKS

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop of
The Episcopal Church

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Jim Yong Kim
President,
World Bank Group

MODERATED Q & A

Ray Suarez
Host “Inside Story,”
Al Jazeera America
### 2:00  ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

| INTRODUCTION | Abagail Nelson  
| How is faith an asset in community collaboration and resilience building? | Senior Vice President, Programs  
| Episcopal Relief & Development |

| FILM | Sri Lanka: Pastors and Disasters |

| PANEL | Kikala Tomás  
| Faith leaders and communities in partnership to catalyze change | Savings with Education Program Coordinator, Anglican Diocese of Angola |
| Floyd Lalwet  
| National Development Officer, Episcopal CARE Foundation, Philippines |

| MODERATED Q & A | Lindsay Coates  
| | Executive Vice President, InterAction |

### 2:50  ENDING SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

| INTRODUCTION | Kirsten Laursen Muth  
| How do faith leaders change attitudes and social norms in their communities? | Senior Director, International Programs, Episcopal Relief & Development |

| PANEL | Louise Bashige  
| Engaging leaders and communities to prevent and respond to gender-based violence | Sexual & Gender-Based Violence Advisor, Democratic Republic of Congo, IMA World Health |
| Annette Musu Kiawu  
| National Director, Episcopal Church of Liberia Relief and Development |

| MODERATED Q & A | The Rev. Amy Gopp  
| | Vice President of External Relations, IMA World Health |

### 3:30  BREAK
**EMPOWERING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**

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Actress, Playwright, and Social Commentator

INTRODUCTION
How do diverse stakeholders collaborate to support sustainable development?

Dawn Murdock
Senior Manager, Resource Mobilization, Episcopal Relief & Development

PANEL
Reflections on faith-based partnerships and development impact

Andreas Hipple
Senior Program Advisor, GHR Foundation

Leith Greenslade
Vice Chair, Child Health, MDG Health Alliance, United Nations

MEDIUMTED Q & A

Teri Lawver
Global Vice President, Cardiovascular and Metabolism, Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson

WRAP UP

Abagail Nelson
Senior Vice President, Programs, Episcopal Relief & Development

5:30 RECEPTION

6:30 PERFORMANCE

ANNA DEAVERE SMITH

Actress, Playwright, and Social Commentator

INTRODUCTION
Neel Lane
Chair, Board of Directors, Episcopal Relief & Development

MODERATED Q & A
Abagail Nelson
Senior Vice President, Programs, Episcopal Relief & Development

CLOSING REMARKS
Dr. Robert W. Radtke
President, Episcopal Relief & Development
The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry was installed as the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church on November 1, 2015. He was elected on June 27 at the Church’s General Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bishop Curry is the 27th Presiding Bishop, Primate, and Chief Pastor of The Episcopal Church. He also serves as President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Most recently, he served as the 11th Bishop of North Carolina. Bishop Curry is a graduate of Hobart College and received his Master of Divinity degree in 1978 from Yale University Divinity School. He has also pursued additional studies at The College of Preachers, Princeton Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, the Ecumenical Institute at St. Mary’s Seminary, and the Institute of Christian Jewish Studies.

Bishop Curry was ordained to the priesthood in December 1978, at St. Stephen’s, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and began his ministry as deacon-in-charge at St. Stephen’s, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in 1978 and was rector there from 1979-1982. He next accepted a call as rector at St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights, Ohio, where he served from 1982-1988. In 1988, he became rector of St. James’, Baltimore, Maryland, which he served until his election as bishop.

In his three parish ministries in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland, Bishop Curry had extensive involvement in Crisis Control Ministry, founding of ecumenical summer day camps for children, preaching missions, the Absalom Jones initiative, creation of networks of family day care providers, creation of educational centers, and the brokering of millions of dollars of investment in inner city neighborhoods. He inspired a $2.5-million restoration of the St. James’ church building after a fire. The St. James’ After School Academy was designated a Jubilee Ministry by Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning.

 Previously, Bishop Curry was Chair of Episcopal Relief & Development’s Board of Directors before transitioning to its Honorary Chair in November 2015. He has served on the boards of a large number of organizations and was a member of the Commission on Ministry in each of the three dioceses where he has served. Bishop Curry has a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on The Protestant Hour and as a frequent speaker at conferences around the country. He has received honorary degrees from the University of the South at Sewanee, Virginia Theological Seminary and Yale.

He is married to the former Sharon Clement, and they have two daughters, Rachel and Elizabeth.

Dr. Jim Yong Kim

A physician and anthropologist, Dr. Kim has dedicated himself to international development for more than two decades, helping to improve the lives of under-served populations worldwide. Dr. Kim came to the World Bank Group after serving as President of Dartmouth College, a pre-eminent center of higher education that consistently ranks among the top academic institutions in the United States. Dr. Kim is a co-founder of Partners In Health (PIH) and a former director of the HIV/AIDS Department at the World Health Organization (WHO).

As President of Dartmouth – an institution that comprises a liberal arts college and professional schools of medicine, engineering and business, as well as 19 graduate programs in the arts and sciences, a staff and faculty of 3,300, and a budget of $700 million – Dr. Kim earned praise for reducing a financial deficit without cutting any academic programs. Dr. Kim also founded the Dartmouth Center for Health Care Delivery Science, a multidisciplinary institute dedicated to developing new models of health care delivery and achieving better health outcomes at lower costs.

Before assuming the Dartmouth presidency, Dr. Kim held professorships and chaired departments at Harvard Medical School, the Harvard School of Public Health and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston. He also served as director of Harvard’s François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights.

In 1987, Dr. Kim co-founded Partners In Health, a Boston-based non-profit organization now working in poor communities on four continents. Challenging previous conventional wisdom that drug-resistant tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS could not be treated in developing countries, PIH successfully tackled these diseases by integrating large-scale treatment programs into community-based primary care.

As Director of the World Health Organization’s HIV/AIDS Department, Dr. Kim led the ‘3 by 5’ initiative, the first-ever global goal for AIDS treatment, which sought to treat 3 million new HIV/AIDS patients in developing countries with antiretroviral drugs by 2005. Launched in September 2003, the ambitious program ultimately reached its goal by 2007.

Dr. Kim’s work has earned him wide recognition. He was awarded a MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship (2003), was named one of America’s “25 Best Leaders” by U.S. News & World Report (2005), and was selected as one of TIME magazine’s “100 Most Influential People in the World” (2006).

Born in 1959 in Seoul, South Korea, Dr. Kim moved with his family to the United States at the age of five and grew up in Muscatine, Iowa. Dr. Kim graduated with an AB magna cum laude from Brown University in 1982. He earned an MD from Harvard Medical School in 1991 and a PhD in Anthropology from Harvard University in 1993.
Anna Deavere Smith

Actress, playwright, and teacher, Anna Deavere Smith is said to have created a new form of theater. She received the National Humanities Medal, presented to her by President Obama in 2013. She was the 2015 Jefferson Lecturer for the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is a MacArthur Fellow, and received The Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize. She is recipient of two T ony nominations, and two Obie awards. She was runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize for her play *Fires in the Mirror*. She has created over 15 one-person shows based on hundreds of interviews, most of which deal with social issues. *Twilight: Los Angeles*, about the Los Angeles race riots of 1992, was performed around the country and on Broadway. *Let Me Down Easy* focused on health care in the U.S.

In her current work-in-progress, the Anna Deavere Smith Pipeline Project, Smith is developing new theatrical material from interviews with people whose lives are affected by the “school-to-prison pipeline,” a term describing the relationship of harsh disciplinary practices used toward impoverished youths and the likelihood that these youths will be incarcerated.

In popular culture you have seen her in *Nurse Jackie*, *Black-ish*, *The West Wing*, *The American President*, *Rachel Getting Married*, and *Philadelphia*. Books include *Letters to a Young Artist* and *Talk to Me: Listening Between the Lines*. Honorary degrees include those from Yale, Juilliard, the University of Pennsylvania, Barnard, Radcliffe, Wesleyan, Williams, and Northwestern. She is University Professor at New York University, where she also directs the Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialogue.

Ray Suarez

Veteran journalist Ray Suarez is the permanent host of Al Jazeera America’s daily program “Inside Story.”

He joined the news channel after an extensive television and radio career in which he excelled at delivering, as Al Jazeera America president Kate O’Brian put it, “compelling coverage of the most challenging news stories and events with objectivity and depth, punctuated by Ray’s own brand of thoughtful analysis. That’s exactly what ‘Inside Story’ is all about.”

Suarez came from PBS’ “NewsHour,” where he worked from 1999 to 2013, most recently as its chief national correspondent. He also served as the lead correspondent for the program’s global health coverage, reporting on some of the world’s most threatening health crises from Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Before joining PBS, he hosted National Public Radio’s “Talk of the Nation” for six years.

Among his other on-air credentials, Suarez hosted the monthly foreign-affairs radio program “America Abroad” for Public Radio International and co-hosted the nationally broadcast weekly political program “Need to Know” for PBS. From 2008 to 2011, he anchored the weekly Latino politics show “Destination Casa Blanca” for HITN TV.

Prior to his public-broadcasting career, he spent seven years reporting for Chicago’s NBC-owned station, WMAQ-TV. He began his career as a Los Angeles correspondent for CNN, a producer for the ABC Radio Network in New York and a reporter for CBS Radio in Rome.

Suarez is the author of the critically acclaimed *Latino Americans*, the companion book to the PBS documentary series of the same name, published in September 2013. He also is the author of *The Holy Vote: The Politics of Faith in America* and *The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration* and has contributed to several other books.

In 2010, he was inducted into the National Association of Hispanic Journalists Hall of Fame. He is a co-recipient of two Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Awards for NPR’s on-site coverage of the first multiracial elections in South Africa and of the first 100 days of the 104th Congress. His other honors include the Ruben Salazar Award from the National Council of La Raza, the Distinguished Policy Leadership Award from UCLA’s School of Public Policy and the Studs Terkel Award from the Community Media Workshop.

He earned a BA in African History from New York University and an MA in the social sciences from the University of Chicago and has been awarded more than a dozen honorary degrees.

A native of Brooklyn, Suarez lives in Washington, DC.
Louise Bashige

In charge of project quality, Louise Bashige is the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Advisor for IMA World Health, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She designs strategies and capacity building through the ongoing USAID-funded Ushindi Project, which integrates medical, legal, psychosocial counseling and economic support services for survivors and those affected by sexual and gender-based violence.

Louise has worked in 75% of the Congolese provinces, with both rural and urban communities. She has spent over 30 years working in areas of gender and justice.

She holds a UD in Public Health and Health Promotion from the School of Public Health of Nancy in France and a degree in Financial and Administrative Studies.

Florence Achapa

Florence Achapa is a social scientist currently working as Programs Manager for Anglican Church of Kenya Development Services (ADS-Nyanza). With over 25 years of experience in the field of social transformation, Florence has worked mainly with rural communities. She was trained as a community nurse and practiced at the Kijabe Medical Centre, Diocese of Maseno West.

She holds a Master’s Degree in Community Health and Development from Great Lakes University of Kisumu in Kenya (GLUK). Additionally, she holds a Higher Diploma certificate in Community Based Development from St. Francis Xavier University Canada. Florence also serves as a trainer for counselors and as coach in participatory methodologies for inclusive sustainable development.

Lindsay Coates

Lindsay Coates serves as Executive Vice President at InterAction, an alliance-based organization working with a global community of 192 non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

From 2004-2008, Lindsay worked as Chief Operating Officer at Population Action International, overseeing the management of the research advocacy institute. Before joining InterAction in 2010, she was Chief of Staff for the US Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, responsible for managing an agency of 700 employees.

Lindsay was a nonresident Fellow of Seminar XXI, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for International Studies, studying Foreign Politics, International Relations and the National Interest. She completed the Graduate Executive Leadership Development Program of Columbia University, holds a JD from The University of Mississippi School of Law, with honors, and a BA in Political Science with a focus on International Relations from the University of the South at Sewanee.
The Reverend Amy Gopp

The Reverend Amy Gopp is Vice President of External Relations for IMA World Health. She is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with two decades of experience in faith-based relief and development. Ms. Gopp is an active leader in the WeWillSpeakOut.US coalition, working to end sexual and gender-based violence.

She received her BA in International Relations from American University, holds a Master’s in Conflict Resolution from Antioch University and a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary. She now serves her alma mater as Vice Chair of the Union Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Amy is the author of numerous articles and devotionalas, as well as co-editor and contributor of Split Ticket: Independent Faith in a Time of Partisan Politics and Help and Hope: Disaster Preparedness and Response Tools for Congregations.

Leith Greenslade

Leith Greenslade is Vice Chair at the MDG Health Alliance, a special initiative of the UN Special Envoy for Financing the Health Millennium Development Goals in support of the UN Secretary-General’s Every Woman, Every Child movement.

She founded two global innovation teams that focus on the health of children, and established an investment circle that supports social projects created globally by faith-inspired female entrepreneurs. She has served on the US Board of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Prior to that, Leith held several key positions with the Australian Government, including roles with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health, the Leader of the Federal Opposition, and the Shadow Minister for Social Security and the Status of Women.

She holds a Master’s in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, a Master’s in Business Administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a first class honors degree from the University of Queensland.

Andreas Hipple

Andreas Hipple manages the Inter-Religious Initiative for the GHR Foundation. As former Director of Programs for the Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty, he directed a multi-million dollar program in Nigeria that mobilized more than 20,000 Muslim and Christian religious leaders in educating their congregations about the preventative treatment of malaria.

Through funding efforts, his work brings religious leaders and communities together to tackle common development challenges. Andreas also coordinates funding support for the Better Way Foundation, a GHR partner committed to global and domestic early childhood development.

Andreas has a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from Carleton College and earned a Master’s Degree in International Relations with honors from Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), where he is also completing his doctorate.

He has consulted on program design, international development and evaluation for international clients including USAID, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation.
Annette M. Kiawu

Annette M. Kiawu is National Director of the Episcopal Church of Liberia Relief and Development. She has extensive experience in project planning, management, monitoring and reporting.

She has supervised and coordinated Gender-Based Violence programs and activities in Liberia, and served as Chairperson for the National Gender-Based Violence Taskforce.

With over 20 years of experience in program planning, as Deputy Minister of Research & Technical Services for the Ministry of Gender and Development in Liberia, Annette developed frameworks for monitoring the implementation of the National Gender Policy. Prior to this she worked as Head of Donor Services, liaising directly with the Plan Liberia Program Communities, regarding child sponsorship for up to 10,000 children.

She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology from the University of Liberia.

Floyd P. Lalwet

Floyd P. Lalwet is Provincial Secretary of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP). He is also National Development Officer of the Episcopal CARE Foundation, Inc. and Chancellor to the Prime Bishop. He teaches Canon Law at St. Andrew’s Theological Seminary and is a senior partner in a private law practice.

Through strategic leadership, he directs and monitors the Receivers to Givers (R2G) initiative, creating community development projects that restore and promote self-reliance and sustainable communities.

Floyd earned his Law Degree from the Trinity University of Asia, Manila. He is also Cooperate Secretary for Brent International School and St. James High School and current chair of ECLOF Philippines.

Daniel McNeel “Neel” Lane

Daniel McNeel “Neel” Lane is a partner at the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and partner in charge of its San Antonio office. His pro bono work focuses on social issues, notably including the federal lawsuit that resulted in marriage equality for all Texans, as well as cases challenging death sentences on constitutional grounds. He has also advocated and testified before the Texas Legislature in support of legislation limiting predatory payday lending practices and establishing needle exchange programs. Neel has been named as one of three finalists for “Lawyer of the Year” by Texas Lawyer, has been named an Outstanding Lawyer for 2015 by the San Antonio Business Journal, and has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America for each of the past seven years in a row.

Neel is the newly appointed chair of Episcopal Relief & Development’s Board of Directors; has also chaired the board of Good Samaritan Community Services, an agency of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas; and has served on the board of Texas Appleseed, an agency that promotes social and economic justice for all Texans.
Teri L. Lawver

Teri L. Lawver is Global Vice President, Cardiovascular and Metabolism, for Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. In this role, she oversees a fully integrated team responsible for the cardiovascular and metabolism portfolio and product pipeline.

In 2002, Teri joined Johnson & Johnson at Centocor, rapidly advancing through multiple commercial leadership roles. In 2007, she became Worldwide General Manager for Animas Corporation, a division of Johnson & Johnson. Later she was appointed President of Johnson & Johnson Medical Device Companies in Canada.

Previously, Teri was an Associate Principal with McKinsey & Company and before that, spent two years as a derivatives analyst for Bloomberg Financial Markets.

With over 20 years of global healthcare experience, Teri serves on the Advisory Council of the NetsforLife® Partnership for Malaria Prevention in Africa, the Board of Trustees for Seminary of the Southwest, and the Advancement Committee for Episcopal Relief & Development.

She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in International Studies at Georgetown University and an MBA from Duke University.

Judith Morrison

As Senior Advisor for the Gender and Diversity Unit at the Inter-American Development Bank, Judith Morrison has published articles and contributed to books on equity and development.

In the past, she served as Regional Director for South America and the Caribbean at the Inter-American Foundation. Prior to that she was the Executive Director of the Inter-Agency Consultation on Race in Latin America.

Judith is a frequent presenter at the Conference on World Affairs, and has presented throughout the Americas and Europe.

Judith holds an MCP Degree in Poverty Alleviation and Income Distribution from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she received the Carroll Wilson Award for international research and a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. She has served as a fellow at the Aspen Institute (Socrates Society) and the Phelps Stokes Fund.

Dawn Murdock

Dawn Murdock is Senior Manager of Resource Mobilization for Episcopal Relief & Development, leading partnership development with institutional stakeholders. She manages international teams to secure major grants and technical resources for strategic program growth. Since joining in 2010, Dawn has led successful efforts to develop new program initiatives with support from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and UN Women, among others. Previously, she worked for other international NGOs in program development and capacity-building with local organizations. She has a BS in Communication Studies from Northwestern University, and a Master’s of International Affairs from Columbia University.
Abagail Nelson

Abagail Nelson is the Senior Vice President for Programs at Episcopal Relief & Development. She has worked throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the United States and with the worldwide Church, responding to disasters, alleviating hunger, fighting disease and reducing exposure to risk for more than 15 years. Abagail earned an MSc from the London School of Economics and BA cum laude from Harvard University. The daughter of an Episcopal priest, Abagail lives in New York with her husband and daughters where they are active members of The Episcopal Church.

Nagulan Nesiah

Nagulan Nesiah joined Episcopal Relief & Development nearly nine years ago from the staff of the Diocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka, where he helped oversee the post-tsunami relief and recovery plans of the Church. Using that experience, Nagulan has led Episcopal Relief & Development’s disaster risk reduction sectoral strategy, including facilitating the process that lead to the ‘Pastors and Disasters’ Toolkit, a contextual resource to assist the organization’s partners and their target communities build their resilience to disasters. Nagulan currently serves as a Senior Program Officer and helps coordinate the organization’s international emergency responses while continuing to manage community development activities in a portfolio of countries. He is based in Sri Lanka.

Kirsten Laursen Muth

Kirsten Laursen Muth is Senior Director of International Programs for Episcopal Relief & Development, providing direction for integrated development strategies that emphasize capacity and institutional development of partner organizations in strategic areas including disaster risk reduction, climate-smart agriculture, asset-based community development, micro-savings and most recently engaging faith leaders to end Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. Previous positions include Deputy of Director of Programs at Church World Service and Director of Community Education and Training at Helen Keller International. She has a BS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a Master’s in Social Anthropology and Education from Teachers College Columbia University.
Dr. Robert W. Radtke

Dr. Robert W. Radtke has served as President of Episcopal Relief & Development since 2005. Prior to that he served in various senior-level posts at the Asia Society.

In his role as President, Rob has overseen a number of major initiatives, including NetsforLife®, the agency’s award-winning, flagship malaria prevention program, which to date has reached over 41 million people in 17 African countries.

Rob provides strategic leadership to the agency’s programs in nearly 40 countries across Africa, Latin America and Asia, as well as the United States.

He is a trustee of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief & Advocacy and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Rob has a Bachelor’s Degree (AB) from Columbia College of Columbia University and a doctorate (DPhil) from New College of the University of Oxford, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. In 2012, he received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Kikala Isabel Tomás

Kikala Isabel Tomás is Mothers’ Union Community Development Coordinator and Savings with Education Program Coordinator for the Anglican Diocese of Angola. Her work is part of the diocese’s integrated health strategy, which addresses childhood illness, and child and maternal deaths through malaria prevention, health education, and clean water and sanitation programs.

Currently, Kikala coordinates the Savings with Education Program aimed at the formation of 350 groups throughout five provinces. Kikala’s role also includes funding and partnerships liaisons. She also serves on the Diocesan Standing Committee, Mothers’ Union Diocesan Council, and Mothers’ Union Provincial Council.


Léonidas Niyongabo

Léonidas Niyongabo is the Provincial Development Officer for the Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi. He has coordinated the province’s extensive food security and environment activities nationwide since 2007. Prior to this, he worked with Concern Worldwide Burundi on their Livelihood Security Program from 1999 to 2006. He has also taught agriculture in schools and conducted research with the Regional Institute of Agriculture and Animals.

Léonidas has a degree in Agricultural Engineering from the High Institute of Agriculture in Burundi. He was a member of the team which created the Disaster Risk Reduction handbook, ‘Pastors and Disasters’ for the global Anglican community. He is an active advocate for small farmers with Government and Research Institutions in Burundi, and was recently nominated to serve on the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa’s (CAPA) Commission on Food Security and Environmental Stewardship.
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