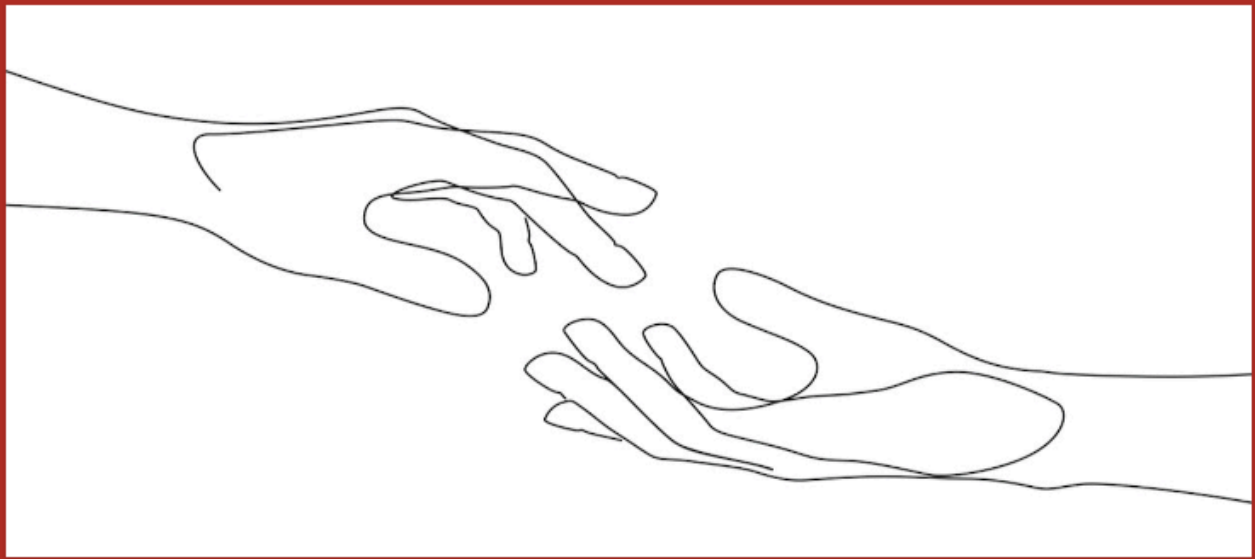


*The Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) warmly welcomes you to:*

# **Mission: Journey into Healing**



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## **2023 GEMN Global Mission Conference**

**May 3-5, 2023  
noon to noon**

**In person at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Tampa, Florida  
and online via Zoom**

The annual Global Mission Conference for the Episcopal Church, organized by the Global Episcopal Mission Network, will be held Wednesday-Friday, May 3-5, at St. Mark's Church in Tampa, Florida.

**Healing is central in God's mission.** "Your light will break forth like the dawn," wrote the prophet Isaiah, "and your healing will quickly appear." Jesus restored people to physical health and healed them spiritually as he interacted with their faith and hope. Christian hope expects God's mission to culminate in "a new heaven and new earth," the healing of the cosmos. Healing is the process of becoming well, being restored to health. Spiritually, we are healed as we enter into a reconciled relationship with God in Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. People are healed both physically and emotionally from illness and injury. Economic empowerment helps heal the hurt of poverty and deprivation. Wounds inflicted by oppression, injustice and conflict are healed as ethnic and political groups forge justice and reconciliation.

**The 2023 Global Mission Conference focuses on healing as we participate in God's mission:**

- Healing in medical mission and post-Covid mission revival
- Healing from the traumas of conflict and catastrophe
- Healing from the oppression and degradation of poverty
- Healing from legacies of racism and colonialism
- Healing of the missionary who ministers as a "wounded healer"

Gather with the Global Episcopal Mission Network to reflect on mission as a journey into healing – our own healing, the healing of others, God's healing in the human family.

This is the first in-person Global Mission Conference since 2019. The 2020 conference was canceled because of the pandemic, and the 2021 on creation care and the 2022 conference on women in mission were held online only. Networking opportunities will abound Tampa, including for healthcare missionaries, groups working in Haiti, and the newly appointed Diocesan Global Mission Advocates. Plenary talks will be accessible online.

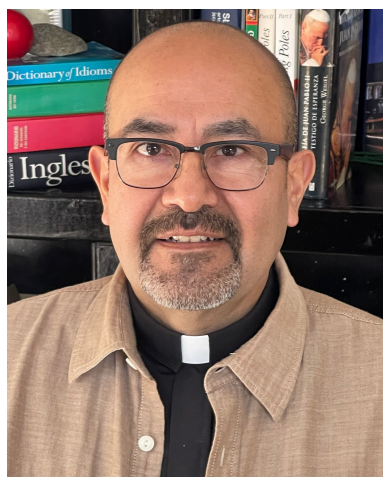
**Plenary speakers will include:**

- The Rev. Dr. **Alberto Moreno**, Latino Missioner for the Diocese of Oklahoma, on "Healing in God's Mission: A Theological Perspective"
- Ms. **Rebecca vander Meulen**, Executive Director of the J. C. Flowers Foundation, on "Healing in Medical Mission and Public Health"
- The Rev. Canon **Walter Brownridge**, Canon for Cultural Transformation in the Diocese of Vermont, on "Healing amid the Legacies of Racism and Colonialism"

## Plenary Speakers

### Healing in God's Mission: A Theological Perspective

The Rev. Dr. Alberto Moreno, Latino Missioner, Diocese of Oklahoma



*The Rev. Dr. Alberto Moreno Casas is the vicar of Espiritu Santo Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is Latino missioner for the Diocese of Oklahoma. He has developed a theological approach to healing that incorporates biblical, historical, psychological and anthropological dimensions. His 2022 Doctor of Ministry thesis at Virginia Theological Seminary is entitled "By his wounds we are healed' (Isaiah 53:5): Healing Prayer in a Holistic, Eucharistic and Latin American Approach."*

*A native of Mexico, Moreno was ordained a Roman Catholic deacon and priest in 2003 and was received as a priest in the Anglican Church of Mexico in 2009, where he served in the Diocese of Northern Mexico until 2012. He was vicar of San Miguel Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas until 2018 before planting Espiritu Santo Church in Tulsa.*

*Moreno has taught theology, ethics and philosophy at Universidad de Monterrey and Centro de Estudios Superiores la Salle, both in Monterrey, Mexico. He taught professional ethics at Universidad Autonoma de San Luis Potosi, in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. In addition to the D.Min. from VTS, Moreno holds the M.S. from Universidad Autonoma de San Luis Potosí, the B.A. from the Pontifical University of Mexico, and the B.A. and M.A. in theology from the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome.*

*Download a copy of Dr. Moreno's thesis here: [www.gemn.org/Moreno-Thesis-Healing.pdf](http://www.gemn.org/Moreno-Thesis-Healing.pdf).*

## Healing in Medical Mission & Public Health

Ms. Rebecca vander Meulen, Executive Director, J. C. Flowers Foundation



*Rebecca J. vander Meulen serves as Executive Director for the J.C. Flowers Foundation, which works with a wide range of partners to solve critical health and social problems affecting hard to reach, or "last-mile," communities. Vander Meulen manages the Isdell:Flowers Cross-Border Malaria Initiative, which supports malaria elimination programs in Angola, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Earlier she served as the Isdell:Flowers senior director for Africa.*

*Vander Meulen has extensive experience in community health, and served as the community development director in the Anglican Diocese of Niassa (northern Mozambique) for 15 years, where she oversaw the formation of more than 400 social action groups that included more than 10,000 community volunteers.*

*In 2003, vander Meulen earned a Master of Public Health degree in International Public Health from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, which in 2009 awarded her with the Matthew Lee Girvin Young Alumni Award in recognition of her dedication to the field of public health and her contributions toward improving the lives and health of others. She is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids. The Bishop of London conferred on her the St. Mellitus Medal in recognition of her HIV and community development work in the Diocese of London's partner Diocese of Niassa.*

## **Healing amid the Legacies of Racism & Colonialism: "Between Memory and Hope: Finding Healing Amid the Tragedy of History"**

The Rev. Canon Walter Brownridge,  
Canon to the Ordinary for Cultural Transformation, Diocese of Vermont



*Walter Brownridge and his wife Tina served as missionaries of the Episcopal Church in Cape Town, South Africa from 2003 to 2006. Ministering out of St. George's Cathedral, he became friends with Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu during the early years of Black majority rule in South Africa and the struggle to overcome the racism and colonialism of apartheid.*

*In Vermont, Brownridge is responsible is responsible for inspiring, forming, and gathering the people of the diocese as they seek God's vision for Beloved Community, particularly in the areas of racial reconciliation, creation care and stewardship. He organizes Civil Rights Pilgrimages to Atlanta, Montgomery and Selma. He serves on the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on World Mission. Walter is a co-editor and contributor to the August 2022 tribute volume of the Anglican Theological Review in honor of Archbishop Tutu. He was also a contributor to the award-winning anthology, *Preaching Black Lives (Matter)*, published in 2020.*

*Brownridge previously served as priest associate at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. A graduate of General Theological Seminary in 2000 and ordained a priest in the Diocese of Ohio in 2001, he served congregations in Ohio, Delaware and New York City. For five years he was dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was associate dean at the School of Theology at the University in the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Prior to ordination, Brownridge practiced law for ten years as a federal prosecutor in the area of public policy and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He and Tina have two adult sons.*

## Conference Panelists

### Panel: Healing amid Poverty & Deprivation

The Rev. Carola von Wrangel, Manager of Episcopal Partnerships, Food for the Poor



*The Rev. Carola von Wrangel serves with Food For The Poor, a relief and development ministry focused on the Caribbean and Latin America. She spends time in the countries where FFTP is active, learning and listening to the people. She also speaks in Episcopal churches and organizations about global mission work and the transformation that comes from responding to God's call to serve the poor.*

*Carola lives in Seattle, where she is on staff of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church and participates in the weekly feeding program there. Before Seattle and FFTP, Carola served churches in New York, Germany and Nashville.*

### Panel: Healing amid Poverty & Deprivation

Mr. Dale Stanton-Hoyle, Chief Executive Officer, Five Talents



*Dale Stanton-Hoyle is the CEO of Five Talents, an international non-profit that helps new entrepreneurs start small businesses in some of the poorest countries in the world. He is excited to be part of Five Talents because "it represents the best in international development models."*

*While living almost five years in DR Congo, he managed a hospital physical plant, installed solar systems, helped build a hydroelectric dam, and installed water systems. Similarly, Dale has worked in Mexico, Haiti, the Philippines, China, South Africa and Venezuela. Dale has also served on five non-profit boards.*

*Dale is an engineer, and before joining Five Talents he managed staff who implemented energy-savings projects. He helped one company grow from eight to 2,700 employees. Dale has developed master plans, taught classes, and delivered papers internationally. He received his master's degree from the University of Maryland and his B.A. from Duke. He and his wife Lynn have two adult children, Eric and Sara. Lynn and Dale enjoy hiking, swimming, skiing, playing golf, and scuba diving all over the world.*

## **Panel: Healing amid Poverty & Deprivation**

Ms. Terry Franzen, Co-founder, Haiti Companions



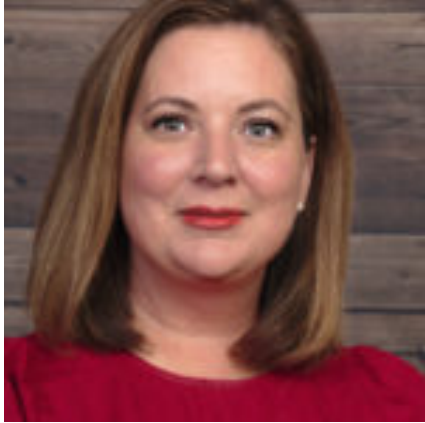
*Terry Franzen, now a happily retired lawyer, co-founded Haiti Companions, Inc., in 2015. This non-profit evolved from a collaborative effort begun in 2007 with Minneapolis physician Dianne Pizey. Haiti Companions employs Haitian staff to provide medical, dental and eye clinics monthly in three remote villages. Terry has traveled to Haiti numerous times over the years, and she worked in the pharmacy of a field hospital there following the 2010 earthquake.*

*Terry is active at Holy Family Episcopal Church in Jasper, Georgia, where she serves as a eucharistic minister and on the Outreach Committee and Broadcast Team. She volunteers weekly at Lee Arrendale State Prison, a maximum-security women's prison in Alto, Georgia, where she co-leads a grief and loss group and the Episcopal worship service. Terry serves on the board of the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. She co-founded and chairs Serve Pickens, a day of service in Pickens County.*

*Earlier at Christ Church in Norcross, Georgia, Terry led multi-generational teams to Juarez, Mexico, to build homes for people. She chaired the Diocese of Atlanta's Global Mission Commission for several years and served on the Advisory Board of New American Pathways, an Atlanta refugee resettlement organization. Terry and her husband have three adult married children and one grandchild.*

## **Panel: Healing of Mission Relationships Post-Pandemic**

Ms. Christy Wallace, Executive Director, Dominican Development Group



*Christy Wallace is the executive director of the Dominican Development Group, a nonprofit that works together with the Dominican Episcopal Church to share God's love throughout the country. She holds a bachelor's degree from Clemson University and a master of public administration from Nova Southeastern University. Christy is wife to Gerry and mom to Carter. She loves serving her community at home and abroad. Christy has volunteered in Augusta, Charleston, Nashville, Las Vegas, Galveston, Moldova, Panama and, of course, the Dominican Republic. Contact: [cwallace@dominicandevlopmentgroup.org](mailto:cwallace@dominicandevlopmentgroup.org).*

## **Panel: Healing of Mission Relationships Post-Pandemic**

Ms. Deb Parker, Executive Director, Stand With Iraqi Christians



*Deborah Bressoud Parker (Deb) is the Executive Director of Stand With Iraqi Christians (SWIC). She moved into this position in 2017 following an 18-year career as an education manager at Newsweek and corporate marketing director at BusinessWeek magazine. This international business background, as well as serving as a formation director at Episcopal churches, provides her with a global perspective grounded in Christian faith. She has served on the boards of multiple non-profit organizations where she coordinated efforts with groups of volunteers, particularly in the field of media literacy and fair trade.*

*Deb is the part-time Christian formation director at St. Martin's Church in Radnor, Penn. She serves on the Standing Committee for the Diocese of Pennsylvania. She travels widely and has had mission-related experiences in Peru, Cambodia and Liberia in addition to SWIC's work in the Middle East. To learn more about SWIC visit [www.SWIC.org](http://www.SWIC.org).*



## **MISSION FORMATION PROGRAM**

**The Mission Formation Program**, which offers mission activists a background in biblical mission, mission theology and history, cultural dynamics and networking skills, was held in tandem with the conference, on May 2-3.

GEMN's Pre-Conference Mission Formation Program is recommended for mission activists seeking a background in biblical mission, mission theology, mission history, cultural dynamics and practical organizing skills. A discounted fee of \$40 is offered to officially licensed Diocesan Global Mission Advocates.

More information about the Mission Formation Program is available here: <https://www.gemn.org/formation-program/>.

# 2023 Global Mission Conference Schedule

*Conference details are subject to change. Stay tuned for more information as it develops.*

Sponsored by the Global Episcopal Mission Network  
3-5 May 2023 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
13312 Cain Rd, Tampa, Florida 33625

## **Pre-Conference Opportunity: Mission Formation Program**

This one-day program is recommended for mission activists seeking a background in biblical mission, mission theology, mission history, cultural dynamics and practical organizing skills. Register for the Formation Program alongside the conference registration.

### **Tuesday, May 2**

1:00 Mission Formation Program begins  
5:30 Break  
6:00 Dinner for Formation Program participants  
7:30 Optional Formation Program session

### **Wednesday, May 3**

7:00 Breakfast at Hotels  
8:15 Mission Formation Program resumes  
11:45 Formation Program adjourns

## **Conference Schedule**

*The conference start time has been set in order to require two instead of three hotel nights. Conference attendees should plan to travel early enough on Wednesday to arrive in Tampa in time for hotel check-in and for lunch at noon on Wednesday. If your location makes that difficult, we recommend that you arrive on Tuesday.*

*Tampa Airport is about 15 minutes by car from St. Mark's Church and the nearby hotels. Please travel by taxi, Uber or Lyft.*

### **Wednesday, May 3**

12:00 Lunch at St. Mark's Church (for attendees who registered for lunch)

1:00 Conference Welcome and Opening Worship  
1:30 Networking Circle  
2:30 **Plenary: Healing in God's Mission: A Theological Perspective**  
▪ The Rev. Dr. Alberto Moreno, Latino Missioner, Diocese of Oklahoma  
3:30 Table Groups Discussion  
4:00 Break & Hotels Check-in  
4:45 **Plenary: Healing in Medical Mission & Public Health**  
▪ Ms. Rebecca vander Meulen, Executive Director, J. C. Flowers Foundation  
5:45 Panel of Respondents  
6:10 Mission Spotlight Video  
6:15 Break  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Social Time

#### **Thursday, May 4**

7:00 Breakfast at Hotels  
8:30 Morning Worship  
9:00 **Plenary: Healing of Mission Relationships Post-Pandemic**  
▪ Ms. Christy Wallace, Executive Director, Dominican Development Group  
▪ Ms. Deb Parker, Executive Director, Stand With Iraqi Christians  
10:00 Table Groups Discussion  
10:30 Break  
10:45 Eucharist with Bishop Douglas Scharf of Southwest Florida  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Annual Meeting of Global Episcopal Mission Network  
2:00 **Plenary: Healing amid the Legacies of Racism & Colonialism**  
▪ The Rev. Canon Walter Brownridge, Canon to the Ordinary for Cultural Transformation, Diocese of Vermont  
3:00 Table Groups Discussion  
3:30 Break  
4:00 Networking Time: Haiti, Advocates, Medical Missioners & Others  
5:15 Mission Spotlight Video  
5:20 Reports  
5:50 Evening Devotion  
6:00 Break  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Reception in Memory of the late Rev. Beth Frank

#### **Friday, May 5**

7:00 Breakfast at Hotels  
8:30 Morning Worship  
9:00 **Panel: Healing amid Poverty & Deprivation**

- The Rev. Carola von Wrangel, Manager of Episcopal Partnerships, Food for the Poor
- Mr. Dale Stanton-Hoyle, Chief Executive Officer, Five Talents
- Ms. Terry Franzen, Co-founder, Haiti Companions

10:00 Table Groups Discussion

10:30 Break

10:45 Summary Remarks & Discussion

11:30 Closing Worship

12:00 Adjourn

### **GEMN Annual General Meeting, 2023**

On Thursday, May 4th, GEMN will hold its Annual General Meeting. Participants will hear presentations from officials and vote on new Board members. The Agenda for the meeting will be made available in advance.

# Registration, Accommodation, & Logistics

## Registration & Fees

In-person Attendance: \$250

Official Diocesan Global Mission Advocates, In-person: \$125

Online Attendance: \$75

Archived Video Access (included for in-person and online registrants): \$50

GEMN Mission Formation Program Fee, In-person: \$85

GEMN Mission Formation Program Fee, Online: \$40

GEMN Mission Formation Program Fee for official Diocesan Global Mission Advocates, In-person: \$40

Yearly Individual GEMN Membership: \$35

Conference Sponsorship, Pacesetter Level: \$500

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Conference Sponsorship, Benefactor Level: \$1,000

*Conference sponsors at the Benefactor Level receive recognition in the conference materials as a major conference sponsor. Your donation will help GEMN put on the best possible conference and enhance future GEMN projects and activities.*

In order to register for the conference, each registrant must submit the conference fee in full and complete the Conference Networking Form.

Payment may be made through the conference page or by check. Make checks payable to: Global Episcopal Mission Network, P.O. Box 1434 Dublin, OH 43017-6434.

Please be advised: While donations to GEMN are tax-deductible, any **conference fees are not tax-deductible**. Beware that some confirmation emails may erroneously label conference payments as such — ignore such information!

Conference Networking Form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOJG-B0IZrbxNAVcMnXVns8HokcHRPinThqdL9eRtz3sUe3A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOJG-B0IZrbxNAVcMnXVns8HokcHRPinThqdL9eRtz3sUe3A/viewform?usp=sf_link).

Conference Payment Portal: <https://uncommongood.io/donor/nonprofit-organizations/global-episcopal-mission-network/donate#content>.

### **Location and Accommodation**

Flight destination is Tampa International Airport.

All conference sessions will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 13312 Cain Road, Tampa, FL 33625.

Conference attendees are responsible for making their own room reservations. Two hotels reasonably near St. Mark's have set aside blocks of 30 rooms each, at a reduced conference rate until March 30. A 15-person conference van will be available to shuttle conference attendees between hotels and St. Mark's Church. After March 30, rates will increase to the normal rates.

Conference will open with lunch at noon on Wednesday and conclude at noon on Friday. Registrants are asked on the Networking Form linked above to confirm their participation in the opening Wednesday lunch at St. Mark's.

## Conference Hotel Options

### Holiday Inn Express and Suites



- 9402 Corporate Lake Drive, Tampa, Florida 33634
- 813-885-3700
- 3.1 Miles from St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- Rate information:
  - Standard rooms: 1 King or 2 Queens: \$149.00 per night plus 13.5% tax (Including Breakfast)
  - Suites: 2 Queens: \$169.00 Per night plus 13.5% tax (Including Breakfast)
- Dedicated reservation link for attendees **here**: (<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=event-facilities&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=tpaww&PMID=99801505&GPC=GEM&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>). To book, click on the orange button that says, "Book Now", input dates desired, and group rates will populate
- Alternatively, call 813-885-3700 and use Group Code "GEM"
- Discount rate available until March 30, 2023

### Courtyard by Marriot Hotel



- 12370 Citrus Park Lane, Tampa, Florida 33625
- 1.2 miles from St. Mark's
- Rate information:
  - Standard Rooms King or Queen \$188/night + 13.5% tax (Including Breakfast)
  - Call 813-920-2011 and mention the GEMN group rate.
  - Discount rate available until April 9, 2023

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