**119th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Utah**

**Report of the Global Mission Advocate**

The Diocese of Utah’s Global Mission Advocate, Lon Young, has been meeting monthly over Zoom with other newly appointed Global Mission Advocates (GMAs) to share a vision articulated by the Standing Committee on World Mission of “living into God’s mission of reconciling love in a global context, crossing boundaries of differences, meeting Christ in one another, as we walk the way of Love together throughout the world in true relationship.”

In these meetings, hosted jointly between the Standing Commission and the Office of Global Partnerships, we glimpse the work already being done—with initiatives such as the Triangle of Hope’s youth pilgrimages of reconciliation, women’s rights advocacy at the United Nations, first-hand accounts from priests sharing the impact of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict on their parishioners who live in or near the West Bank and Gaza, and expanding opportunities to serve in the Young Adult Service Corps.

In the first week of April 2024, Global Mission Advocates met for the first time for training and goal-planning, and to establish collaborative networks across dioceses. The three-day conference, hosted at Camp Allen in the Diocese of Texas, was jointly led by the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Office of Global Partnerships. Lon Young attended the conference and joined other GMAs in conceiving how to more effectively share and promote practices and perspectives that foster Beloved Community across conventional boundaries. Specific actions in the months ahead include (1) surveying how parishioners in our diocese are already involved in global mission, (2) updating the Episcopal Asset Map to reflect those activities, (3) communicating to the diocese a range of opportunities in global mission, emphasizing those which can be implemented and maintained that are not resource-intensive, and (4) inviting young adults to explore opportunities in the Young Adult Service Corps.