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Bariture holds a B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Rivers State University of Nigeria, certificate of competency in critical thinking for personal development from Metropolitan School of Business Management (MSBM) UK, and a certificate of completion on Indigenous Peoples At the UN from UNDP. He was a representative to the 20th Session of the UNPFII. At present he is the Director of Projects/programmes for orphans and vulnerable children, coordinator of International Affairs/Spokesperson Ogoni Indigenous Ministers Forum (OIMF). He is a strong proponent of the campaign against gender-based violence and ardent supporter of Indigenous rights as enshrined in the 46 Articles of the UNDRIP. This tenacity of his has propelled his organizing vulnerable Indigenous Ogoni women to actively participate in the recently concluded UN Conference on the Status of women (CSW 66).



Donna Gail Bollinger

Donna is the Advocacy Officer for the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Office to the United Nations where her areas of engagement include Gender Justice, Indigenous Issues, and Women, Peace, and Security. Her Doctoral research focuses on women's trauma healing in conflict settings. Previously she served as Executive Director of Religions for Peace USA.



Dina Ludeña Cebrián

Dina is a Quechua Chanka indigenous woman. She is an educator and biblical scholar. Dina holds a degree in Education from the Peruvian Ministry of Education and a Bachelor in Biblical Sciences from the Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana, UBL Costa Rica. She is currently working as a teacher of secondary level of the Ministry of Education of Peru in the indigenous communities of the Ashninkas and Nomatigengas in the central jungle of Peru. Her area of research is in the ancestral knowledge of native peoples. She is a founding member of the Community of Indigenous Wise Women and Theologians of Abya Yala. Currently, her research focuses on "The intercultural dialogue between biblical texts and the native cultures of Abya Yala."



Dr. Seforosa Carroll

Reverend Carroll is a Rotuman Australian and a minister of the Uniting Church in Australia, currently serving as the Programme Executive for Mission, specifically Mission from the Margins and the Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Network, World Council of Churches



Anne Cornély

Anne has been working at the World Council of Churches since 2018 as an HR Assistant. Since June 2021, she is also working with Seforosa Carroll as Project Assistant in the Mission from Margins department. Before working with the WCC, Anne worked as Assistant in different positions in private companies and organizations in Geneva and in France in the hotel industry.



Sara Ellen Anne Eira

Sara is chair of the Sami Church Council on the Norwegian side of Sápmi. For Eira, it is important that the church also shows a commitment to society on climate and environmental issues. The Church must remind us people and especially decision-makers that we all have a responsibility to protect God's creations. As humans we are set to manage God's creations. But we need to put moderation in the centre, so we never take more than nature is willing to give us.



Eleazar Perez Encino

Eleazar is an Indigenous Tseltal and is currently an integral community promoter in the area of Land Defense at the Center for Ecumenical Studies in Mexico City. In this area, he helps communities defend their land and develop alternative economies, policies, and cultures to promote lifestyles of dignity, solidarity, and sustainability. He holds degrees in Sustainable Development and Intercultural Theology.



Dr.Hrangthan Chhungi

Dr. Chhungi is the Associate Director of Church, Public Relations and Resource Mobilisation at the Bible Society of India. Dr.Chhungi has vast experience and expertise in working with Churches and Church related ecumenical organization. She has taught Old Testament for several years and helped train Church leaders across India. Dr.Chhungi hails from the state of Mizoram in the North Eastern part of India. She is passionate about taking the Scripture Engagement and Trauma Healing programme to various Churches across India. Her vision is to work closer with the Churches with a true spirit of ecumenism. Dr.Chhungi is a Writer, Speaker and Resource person on various contemporary issues. She has numerous articles published in journals at National and International forums.



[Jerry] Leonard Imbiri

Jerry is the Executive Director of Papua Villager's Foundation since 2003 and Executive Secretary of Papua Customary Council since 2004. Dewan Adat is the umbrella organization of Indigenous Papua and Jerry has much experience in advocating for the rights of Indigenous Papua in local, national and international level. Since 2013, he joined with Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Reference Group to the World Council of Churches. Jerry is also a founder and International Coordinating Committee of International Indigenous Peoples Movement for Self-Determination and Liberation (IPMSDL). He has attended United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) and Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP). Jerry is working closely with Pacific Caucus of Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples organizations in Asia, Latin America, and Africa.



Mtra. Rvda. Dalia Eunice Juárez Fernández

Rev Dalia is an interfaith Nahuatl Baptist theologian and pastor, and coordinator of the Community of Indigenous Theologians of Abya Yala. She holds Degrees in Indigenous Pastoral Ministry and Latinx Ministries. She serves as the General Coordinator of the Mayan Intercultural Seminary in Chiapas-Mexico. As an Indigenous person living in a cosmopolitan space, she has been deeply marked by interculturality, ecumenism, gender, ecotheology, and peace building.



Joy Kennedy

Joy is a climate activist, the Moderator of the World Council of Churches Working Group on Climate Change, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Climate Action Network of Canada, a veteran of many UN Climate Change COPs, on the board of the SCM for York University, and a grandmother. She is a Settler descendant of European ancestors who arrived in what is now Southern Ontario, Canada, over two and a half centuries ago, and lives in Toronto, or *Tkaronto* in the territory of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Covenant. After decades of working with churches and faith communities on ecological justice issues she feels a greater urgency now to act boldly together to confront the climate crisis that affects so many other crises - before it is too late. The window towards a habitable future is closing. Her message is: We must put our faith into courageous action for a just transition for all and for the planet.



Sara Keränen

Sara is from the Finnish side of Sápmi. She is an Inari Sámi student in University of Oulu. Inari Sámi language is a minority Sámi language and one of the nine Sámi languages spoken. She works with Sámi languages, culture and Sámi youth in the context of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.



Tamsyn Kereopa

The Reverend Tamsyn Kereopa is a Deacon in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. She has served during the most recent term on the WCC Commission for Ecumenical Theological Education and has presented at various WCC meetings including interfaith dialogue and Mission from the Margins. She is currently undertaking her PhD studies through the University of Otago on the topic: “A Wahine Maori Theology of Liberation” Tamsyn affiliates to the Te Arawa and Tuwharetoa Tribes of the central North Island in New Zealand.



Rev Chebon Kernell

Chebon is the Executive Director of Native American Comprehensive Plan, United Methodist Church, USA. The Rev. Kernell, an ordained Elder in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, is formerly the executive secretary of Native American and Indigenous Ministries for the denomination’s General Board of Global Ministries. In this role, he has worked with the World Council of Churches, the United Nations

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops assisting in a denominationally mandated effort to improve relationships with Indigenous communities through dialogue, study and local or regional acts of repentance acknowledging harms inflicted upon Indigenous communities. He is an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and is of Muscogee Creek heritage. In 2016 he was honored by receiving the ***Religious Literacy Award***. He is a cultural practitioner and member of the Helvpe Ceremonial grounds.



Mark Kickett

Mark is a Noongar man from the southwest of Western Australia. He was ordained into the Baptist Church and has served churches in Brisbane, Perth and Broken Hill, and also worked in government and community services in both Broken Hill and Perth.

Recently, Mark served for several as the pastor to a small Ngarrindjeri community, during which time he also served as the State Development Officer for the Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) in South Australia. In April Mark was appointed Congress National Interim Chair, a position he will hold until the next national Conference of the UAICC, which will take place in 2021.



Cindy Kobei

is an Indigenous rights activist and hails from the Ogiek community of the Mau Forest in Kenya. A law graduate of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Ms. Kobei participated in the 2020 Global Leadership School for Indigenous Women, and also in the 2021 Summer Program of Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Policy in Columbia University. She is currently pursuing a Post Graduate Diploma at Kenya School of Law to become an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She is also the 2022 Max Thabiso Edkins Climate Ambassador, as well the Project Support Officer at CRAWN Trust, an organization working to see African women and girls empowered. Cindy chairs the Tirap Youth Trust, formally known as the Ogiek Youth Council where she promotes the rights of Indigenous peoples, youth and girls in Kenya.



Kristnaa Labba

Kristnaa is a Sámi and grew up in a big Sâmi reindeer herding family, on the Norwegian-Swedish border, in the northernmost part of Sweden. She is married to a Sámi reindeer herder from the Norwegian part of Sápmi, which is a territory in which the Sámi people traditionally live. They have two boys, 15 and 10 years old. Last year, Ms. Labba started in the position as the secretary general of the Sámi Church Council, The

Church of Norway. She has worked as an associate professor in Law, at UiT - the Arctic University of Norway, where she also defended her doctoral thesis in Sámi rights and law.



Amongla Longchar

Sashimongla Longchar is from Nagaland, a small mountainous state in Northeast India, with its home to diverse Indigenous tribes and Indigenous culture. As an Alumni of Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Geneva, the World Council of Churches reshaped her theological insights with ecumenical ventures.

Belonging, to one of the Indigenous tribes in Nagaland (India) she has been challenged with the issues on Indigenous community that her community encounters every day, especially as a woman. However, the WWC engagement on Diakonia and social justice expanded my theological understanding of inclusiveness, and illustrated that Indigenous people and women need to play an important role toward a sustainable future.



Wati Longchar

Wait is a Baptist Minister from Nagaland. Currently, he serves as Regional Consultant for Theological Education in South and East Asia. He also serves as honorary Dean of Program for Theology and Cultures in Asia (PTCA). He is a member of the Faith & Order Commission of the World Council of Churches.



June L. Lorenzo,

June is Laguna Pueblo/Navajo (Diné), and a member of Laguna United Presbyterian Church, located on Laguna Pueblo, an Indigenous Nation in the southwestern United States. It is the only Native American congregation in Santa Fe Presbytery. She is an attorney, consultant and human rights advocate. She has served as counsel for Native Nations, as well as US Senate and US House of Representative committees, the US Department of Justice (voting rights litigation). She now practices law in New Mexico, advocates for the rights of Indigenous Peoples before United Nations and Organization of American States entities; and remains engaged in advocacy on uranium legacy issues, protection of sacred sites, and protection of cultural patrimony. She has also served on a number of PCUSA General Assembly bodies, including the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission, and national committees working on issues of Native American ministries, women's ministries and anti-racism.



Mary Lyons

Great Grandmother Mary Lyons, Ojibwe Elder from Minnesota, is a spiritual advisor, storyteller and wisdom keeper. She teaches internationally, healing communities from the negative effects of substance abuse. After her own recovery, guided by her ancestors, she dedicated her life to helping others, fostering and adopting children with family problems, disabilities, and fetal alcohol syndrome.



Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu Manchala

Dr. Manchala is a Lutheran pastor and theologian from India, has served as a programme executive at the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, coordinating Theological Reflection for the Decade to Overcome Violence (2000-2006) and the Just and Inclusive Communities (2007-2014) that involved working with five networks of people engaged with struggles against Racism and caste, and of the Indigenous Peoples, People living with disabilities and the migrant communities and people.. Currently, he is the area executive for Southern Asia in Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the Disciples Church (Christian Church), USA and works from Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

He holds a doctorate in theology with his doctoral dissertation on Dalit Ecclesiology

During the past three decades, he has been actively engaged with many ecumenical initiatives, theological processes, and social movements, especially those addressing racism, caste discrimination, human trafficking, forced migration, marginalization of religious minorities, etc., at local and international levels.



Stan McKay

Stan was born at Fisher River First Nation Reserve, a Cree community in Northern Manitoba, and attended Fisher River Indian Day School and the Birtle Indian Residential School. He holds a Bachelors of Theology from the University of Winnipeg and was ordained in the United Church of Canada in 1971. Stan has more than ten years experience in education and ministry, has served as the National Coordinator of Native Ministry for the United Church, and is presently building cross-cultural relations to address injustices stemming from colonialism.



Tonol Murmu

Tonol Murmu is an Adivasi social activist from the state of West Bengal, India, with ancestral links to neighbouring state of Jharkhand. He belongs to the Santal nation, a major indigenous people from the South Asian peninsula. He studied Physics and Theology at Jadavpur University and Emet University respectively. He is associated with printing, editing and publishing of books and periodicals in the Santali language. He is presently the Honorary General Secretary of the All India Santal Welfare and Cultural Society, a pan-Indian Advocacy movement of the Santals and allied Adivasis in South Asia.



Frances Namoumou

Ms. Frances Namoumou is the Ecumenical Coordinator for the Ecological Stewardship and Climate Justice Programme, Pacific Conference of Churches. She is *i-taukei*- Indigenous woman, a Methodist and an activist. Her present work focuses on the role and accompaniment churches provide towards communities faced with the dilemma of climate induced migration. Prior to PCC, She was involved in community-based projects on Disaster Risk Reduction & Disaster Management and Climate Justice Projects on specific areas of WASH, Economic Livelihood and Food Security. Her interests include engaging in any advocacy work on climate justice, clean up campaigns and outdoor activities, and team sports.



Evariste Ndikumana

Evariste is a leader of the Batwa community from Burundi, in central Africa. He represented in 2006, the Batwa in a fellowship training program for French- speaking Indigenous peoples organized by the UN Human Rights office in Geneva. Mr. Ndikumana Evariste advocates for Batwa Indigenous rights. He is also a member of the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Network Reference Group.



Professor Anne Pattel-Gray Ph.D.; D.D.

Professor Anne Pattel-Gray is the Head of the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Divinity,

Melbourne Australia. Professor Pattel-Gray earned a Ph.D. from the University of Sydney in 1995 in the Studies of Religion with the major focus on Aboriginal Religion and Spirituality, and a Doctor of Divinity from India awarded in 1997. Professor Pattel-Gray has achieved many firsts in her prestigious life, and she is known as a trail blazer, opening many doors for her people. She is a recognized scholar, theologian, activist and prolific writer with several publications. Professor Anne Pattel-Gray is a descendant of the Bidjara/Kari Kari Nations in Queensland and a renowned Aboriginal leader within Australia – nationally and internationally. She has dedicated her life to the struggle of Australia First Nations (AFN) as a strong campaigner, lobbyist towards seeking justice, equity and equal representation for First Nations people.



Lorna Pawis

Anishnabe Kwe (Ojibway woman), spirit name Misquadise Kwe which translates to Painted Turtle Woman. She is from Wasauksing First Nation, Ontario Canada. Lorna served as a member of the Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Reference Group for the past 9 years and represents North America & The United Church of Canada. As a United Church Commissioner to the WCC #43 Assembly in Busan, she along with other Indigenous People advocated and lobbied to ensure Indigenous Peoples voices were lifted within WCC. Lorna previously was a member of the working team to develop the Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Reference Group.

Ms. Pawis has appreciated the opportunity to serve on the EIPRG in a healing and pastoral ministry representing North America. Her knowledge of the culture has provided enrichment to the group in understanding of the land, spirituality and connection to all our relatives within Creation. Lorna assisted in the Indigenous Peoples Pre-Assembly planning and the Joint Worship Planning team.



Sofie Peterson

Sofie Peterson is the Greenlandic Lutheran Bishop. From Maniitsoq, Greenland, she studied theology at the University of Copenhagen, and was ordained as Greenland's Bishop in 1995 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark. She is an outspoken advocate for climate justice and Indigenous rights.



Logan Pollock

Logan serves as an advisor to the WCC General Assembly, and supports various projects within the Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Network. He holds a masters in Analytic & Exegetical Theology from the University of Saint Andrews, where he wrote his graduate thesis on Christian eco-theologies and their need to dialogue more meaningfully with Indigenous philosophies of space and place. He has since gone on to work in regenerative agriculture and sustainable landscaping, and has recently begun an Masters of Divinity at Duke University.



Lori Ransom

Lori Ransom works as a Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator with United Church of Canada. She is a member of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation, who has lived off-reserve all of her life. Lori deepened passion for healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples after being appointed as the first Healing and Reconciliation Program Animator for The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) and later as Senior Advisor, Church and Interfaith Relations, for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Lori currently serves as a member of the Canadian Council of Churches Executive, the Trustee Board of the PCC, and the Aboriginal Education Council of Centennial College, Scarborough. She resides in downtown Toronto with her brother James and beloved Cockapoo, Finnegan.



Julia Rensberg

Julia Rensberg, Sámi youth. She is currently a student and climate activist. Julia works as a duojar/ sámi handcrafters.



The Rt Rev Rex Reyes

Rt Rev Reyes is an Anglican bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, an Igorot, and a human rights advocate. He holds the distinction of being the first Indigenous Person to be elected as the general secretary of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, a position he held till 2018.



Solomon Rongpi

Dr. Rongpi comes from the Karbi Community and has served more than 36 years in Christian Ministry in different capacities at organizations and ministries throughout India. Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi holds a Doctorate in Theology and previously served as the General Secretary of Council of Baptist Churches in North East India. He also worked with the National Council of the Churches of India (NCCI) as an Executive Secretary of Commission on Unity, Mission and Evangelism from 2011 to 2014. Since September 2019 he has served as Senior Pastor, Diphu Baptist Church.



Brenda Rumwaropen

Ms. Rumwaropen is an environmental activist, and has also taught English for three years, helping young Papuan students to learn and raise awareness through the language about anthropogenic causes of environmental issues. She received her bachelors at California State University, San Bernardino in Environmental Studies in 2018 and is currently a graduate student at Multnomah University, Oregon majoring in TESOL, hoping to hone her leadership and teaching skills to help young Papuans to become servant leaders in the future.



Kristoffer Strand

My name is Kristoffer Strand (28), I am from Norway and I work as a teacher in high school. I belong to a lesser-known congregation of the Church of Norway, an evangelical Lutheran church. This branch is called Laestadian congregation, and follows the preaching's of Læstadius, a Swedish priest from the 1800s. I consider myself Sami, a member of the indigenous people of northern Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia, called the Sami people. Currently I am the leader of "Sami youth council" in the Church of Norway, a national advisory group for the Sami church council.



Tara Tautari

Tara Tautari is the General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. From 2001-14 she worked with the World Council of Churches, focusing primarily on Education and Ecumenical Formation.

Upon her return to Aotearoa she engaged with the local and national Church as a member of the bicultural partner, Te Taha Maori. Tara was appointed General Secretary in 2020, the first Māori to hold the position.



Joy Tudu

Joy is Indigenous Adivasi activist with experience of more than two decades in the Development Sector and has worked with different organisations advocating the issues of Adivasis at the local, national and international forums including the United Nations. He is a consultant for various organisations on Adivasi Rights, Leadership, Capacity Building, Project Monitoring and Evaluation. Joy founded ‘Aboak Disom’ promoting Adivasi/Indigenous Worldview and Self Representation. He serves as the secretary of Santalia Council of Churches, one of the Regional Councils of the National Council of Churches in India.



Iemaima Vaai

Iemaima is of Samoan descent and is an ecological stewardship and climate justice activist from the Pacific. Service is an important value that has upheld in her traditions as a young Samoan woman and as a Christian. She uses her platform as a climate activist to serve her Pacific community wholesomely and meaningfully.



Vaai upolu

Upolu Lumā Vaai (PhD) is Principal and Professor of Theology & Ethics at the Pacific Theological College in Suva, Fiji, the first degree-offering regional ecumenical institution of the Pacific owned by 20 churches spread throughout 16 countries in the region. A member of the Methodist Church in Samoa, he is a theologian, educator, and Indigenous philosopher at the forefront of the rethinking the Oceania movement. He is a pioneer of many regional movements and initiatives, such as the Relational Renaissance movement, Reweaving the Ecological Mat, the ‘Whole of life’ education for transformation, the communities-based model of learning, climate change and Indigenous knowledge, reclaiming relational Indigenous philosophies, and leadership for justice. His research focus is on the intersection of Trinitarian theology and Indigenous relational philosophies, development, climate change, social and ecological justice.



Reverend Mari Valjakka

Mari is skolt sámi from northern Finland, and works as a sámi pastor in Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland. She is currently the Moderator of the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Reference Group.