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**A tribute to our sister in Christ, champion, mentor
and dearest friend**

Beth Adamson

**In loving memory and in thanksgiving, from Anglican
and Episcopal delegates to sessions of the UN
Commission on the Status of Women**

Our tribute to Beth

Dear Ned and family, on behalf of all the women and girls around the Anglican Communion, those who have been fortunate enough to have met Beth, felt her warmth and energy during the annual gatherings at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), as well as those who were not fortunate enough to meet her but were influenced by her in one way or another through the work that she did for our Communion, we hope that this collection of messages from Anglican and Episcopal delegates around the world, and the staff who have supported them, will warm your hearts and show our appreciation for her dedication to the advancement of women and girls in all parts of the world.

Thank you for sharing Beth with us. Be assured of our thoughts and prayers as you continue to mourn her passing. Her contribution will never be forgotten and we shall remember her with fondness. May her soul rest in eternal peace and rise in glory.

Pumla Titus, South Africa, Chair, International Anglican Women's Network

From Tae Yasumura, Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church in Japan)

This is at the first day of our delegation of CSW62, 2018. Beth took us to get UN passes. I just believe her soul is with Him in peace, and her seed will bloom in us.



Beth with Rosalind Williams and Laura Lloyd-Williams, Wales Marthe Mamboyabo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tae Yasumura and Kaori Nakamura, Japan

From Odete Lieber, Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil

My memories of Beth, even if for a short time in New York, at the UN meeting, are special. Always with a smile, welcoming, making people feel welcomed. She had energy and passion for her work, for the people.



Mariana Lang from Argentina and Odete Lieber from Brazil

From Mariana Lang, Argentina, Anglican Church of South America

Nuestras más sinceras condolencias. Desde Argentina acompañamos a la familia en este dolor. La recuerdo como una persona muy cálida en mi estadía en Nueva York durante el encuentro en la ONU. Que en paz descanse. Cariñosamente, Mariana

From Numia Tomoano, Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

Beth's warm smile was encouraging from the start. Her passion for girls rights and freedom. So young at heart. Her courage and energy was infectious. More than words could say through lectures. She has paved a Gospel path to Glory. She will live on through her incredible CSW Story. Fly free Beth, we've been touched by your beauty. Your legacy is one of strength, faith, deed, and duty.



Beth watches with pride as Lottie Haley-Lee White, Scottish Episcopal Church, speaks during a parallel event, CSW62, 2018

From Emily Alldritt, Scottish Episcopal Church

Beth Adamson turned out to be a Nebraskan with the biggest heart of gold. She embraced me so fully and enthusiastically, before launching into a conversation with me about girls rights like we had known each other for years. Now there was a powerhouse for Anglicanism if ever I saw one.

From Laura Marie Piotrowicz, Anglican Church of Canada

Beth exemplified love. A gentle heart and beautiful spirit, she viewed every day as a chance to act for justice, to love with mercy, and walk faithfully with God. She served as a mentor for all whom she knew, upholding and supporting everyone she worked with while often staying in the background. She loved to laugh and had a smile for everyone; never passed an opportunity to be kind, and always sought the best in everyone she met. I had the great privilege of being her 'roomie' for UNCSW 61 and 62, and my life is better because of her. She devoted her heart to God and to her family. Beth leaves us a legacy of love and service. May we all be as passionate for equality.

"For those of us with faith, death is not an extinguishing of a light: rather it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has arrived."



Rachael Fraser, Scotland; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Beth, and Laura Marie Piotrowicz, Canada, CSW62, 2018

From Rachael Fraser, Scottish Episcopal Church

Beth was an absolute powerhouse with a heart of gold and made me feel so welcome in New York when I was so completely overwhelmed by CSW. She always took the time to find out what you had been doing and what you were learning, and was a constant source of joy, spirit and love. I've been so inspired by her passion for empowering young women and girls and the light of her legacy will be carried by many of us for years to come.

From Reem El Far, Jordan, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

I met Beth at CSW59 in New York. She was a very special person full of love, care, enthusiasm for her ideas. She will be missed and always remembered.

From Coromoto Jiménez de Salazar, Venezuela

Querida Beth, descansa en Paz, siempre estarás en mi corazón, tu alegría inigualable, estarás en mis oraciones diarias agradeciendo a Dios por tu vida y ministerio. Nuestro Señor tiene un lugar privilegiado para ti a su lado. Doy gracias a la vida por darme la oportunidad de conocerte. Dios le da fortaleza a toda la familia. Hasta siempre!

From Rachel Chardon, former General Program and Administrative Officer at the Anglican Communion Office at the UN

For many years, Beth and I led delegations to CSW on behalf of the Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations. Together, we worked on every aspect of preparing women from around the world to attend this annual two-week session. This included a Time Line that would generate over a seven month period materials for study that addressed the priority theme set for that year with the main purpose of empowering women. When the two-week event concluded, these women had bonded and they soon returned home with new resources to share with their respective communities.



Beth with Afghan speaker Fereshteh Forough, Rachel Chardon and ACOUN program assistant Rachel Jimenez, CSW61, 2017

Beth was exceptional in this charge! As a volunteer to the Office, Beth was a key support in engaging all elements of gender awareness via the various bodies of the United Nations and served as a sounding board for ideas approaching various issues.



In 2015, Beth received the Award for Global Service, an occasional award given to a person whose volunteer service has furthered the work of the Anglican Communion. Beth did this tirelessly and the staff of the New York office who have been privileged by her service will always remember her.



Beth at the centre, above then Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori (seated) and Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church delegates at CSW58, 2014

From Priscilla Julie, Seychelles, Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

We give thanks for the doors that she has opened and we will not let her legacy die. May her soul rest in peace.

From Connie Mogina, Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

My love for Beth. Yes the memories of 2015 CSW59 are just like yesterday with all of you. My condolences to Beth's husband and the family. We will remember them and uphold the family in our Mothers' Union fellowship. May Beth's soul rest in Peace. Much Love and Prayers.



Connie Mogina, Papua New Guinea, with the Bishop of Swaziland, Ellinah Wamukoya, speaking at a parallel event during CSW59, 2015

From Jack Palmer-White, Anglican Communion Permanent Representative to the United Nations

It was such an honour and a delight to know Beth. Her joy and enthusiasm for life were infectious, her wisdom and guidance on our work together unparalleled and her passion for the pursuit of justice unquenchable. Her life and legacy will be felt for years to come – it was a privilege to call her a colleague and a friend.

From Margaret Dempster, Anglican Church of Canada

Beth was a beautiful woman inside and out. All the young girls whose lives she touched will do her proud.



Beth with one of her Girls, Laura Lloyd-Williams, Wales, CSW62, 2018



Beth mentoring one of her Episcopalian Girls, Caroline Christie, during CSW59, 2015

From Noreen Njovu, Zambia, Church of the Province of Central Africa

My condolences to Ned, Ariel and the grand children. I remember Beth during CSW61 last year when we sat together during a tea break at 815 Second Avenue. She asked me what I wished to do after the conference. When I told her that I wished to work with the Zambian Human Rights Commission to sensitive the women on their rights she encouraged me to do so. Each time the Commission is addressing the women I remember her words with a glad heart as I recall her saying "go and do it, never give up". Beth, I have done it and will continue to do it so that many women know their rights at work places, homes and their rights in general. I also will do my best for the girls to know their rights.

From Lesley Lewis, Anglican Church of Australia

Beth has inspired many with her energy, passion and enthusiasm for gender justice. The bright flame of her influence will continue to shine all over the world through our actions and responses to Beth's inclusiveness, inspiration, and mentoring. My lasting impression was 'I would like to be like her'.



Lesley Lewis, Anglican Church of Australia, and Lungelwa Makgoba, Anglican Church of Southern Africa at CSW61, 2017

From Phoebe Griswold, The Episcopal Church

Heartfelt condolences from around the world for Beth Adamson are shared here in the US especially among the women who helped build Anglican Women's Empowerment (AWE) and participated with Beth in CSW. We truly knew a gifted leader who followed so faithfully God's work of reconciliation especially for God's girl-child. We pray that her legacy of joy, compassion and vision will continue in the work of the International Anglican Women's Network and CSW.

From Pat Yankus, The Episcopal Church

Beth always had a smile for everyone and a gift that made people feel encouraged, energized and loved. She was an example for all and will be greatly missed.

From Gillian Moses, Anglican Church of Australia

I so enjoyed meeting Beth in 2015. She was a beautiful soul with such passion, joy and fire in the belly for the welfare of girls.

From Jenny Humphries, Church of England

Here is a photo of some of the Anglican Communion CSW gang of March 2016, with Beth in the middle of the picture. This sums up her willingness to support us all and be involved in everything we did, and her care for everyone in the team. She always made sure we knew what we were doing, and where we needed to be! Sending love and prayers to Beth's family.



From top row, L to R: Saratu Dikko, Nigeria; Jenny Humphries, England; Nobuko Uesawa, Japan; Rachael Fraser, Scotland; Natalia Feldens, Brazil; Linea Haufiku, South Africa; Rhoda Wabukala, Kenya; Evelyn Lamptey, Ghana; Wendy Lee, Hong Kong; Mere Wallace, New Zealand; Fides You Seon Choi, South Korea; Beth; Rachel Chardon, Anglican Communion Office at the UN; Claudette Kigeme, Burundi; Makiko Fukuzawa, Japan; Theresa Won Kyung Choi, South Korea, at CSW60

From Ayra Inderyas, Church of Pakistan

It is indeed a great loss to the cause of Church Women's Struggles across the globe. I met Beth thrice during the last few years at CSW and her matchless energy, enthusiasms and earnest commitment towards international advocacy on women rights have left lasting impressions on me. It was 2009 when I participated in CSW for the very first time that made me a bit nervous due to following running routines of UN. But my meeting with Beth made me very relaxed and her infectious smile always had a cordial effect. I extend my heartfelt prayers for her family, friends and co-workers.



Ayra in the UN building for a CSW side event

From Betty Chan, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Church in Hong Kong)

I attended CSW in 2005. There we met Beth. She worked so hard and cared a lot to steer the girls and women. We met again when she came to Hong Kong for the conference on

human trafficking. We'll remember her in our prayers; may she rest in peace and may warmest memories remain.

From Ruth Choi, Anglican Church of Korea

Beth will be truly missed by all who attended at CSW. We will miss her beautiful smile and kindness. We will include her in our prayers. May the Lord console her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

From Maranda St John Nicolle, Church of England

I remember the first day we met as a delegation for CSW in 2015. It was quite a scary feeling - an unfamiliar process, lots of new people, uncertainty about what it would be best to do (and quite a bit of cold and snow!). Into that stepped Beth. She was obviously hugely expert in the process - the ins and outs of what was going to happen, what the opportunities were, and what the pitfalls along the way might be. But what stood out was her welcome: she had so much graciousness and enthusiasm and you could sense her love of people and eagerness to work for advances that would make a positive change in the lives of girls and women worldwide. She could put everyone at ease, and her generosity then and throughout the process was amazing.

From Ellen Bernstein, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

The most profound memory Beth has left me with is one of asking always about the hopes and dreams of 'the girl child'. That was a phrase she returned to again and again to ensure we were not just talking about women, or women and children. 'The girl child' was close to Beth's heart and she kept that child front and centre, and reminded us constantly to do the same.

Besides the work of CSW, Beth navigated me on foot across a snow-bound city with great speed and wonderful grace. She knew her way through all the grand New York buildings and we managed to get from Sixth Avenue down to First with (it seemed) never more than a few steps at a time actually taken outside.

Beth was fun: she was stylish and witty and knowledgeable. I admired her very much, I was inspired by her, and I express my deepest condolences to her family. She was a rare soul and will be very much missed.

From Kim Robey, The Episcopal Church

Dearest Beth. I miss your laugh, your energy, your kindness, your generosity, your passion and your smarts amongst a very long list of qualities. Your spirit lives on among us and will not be quenched.

I remember the day that Beth walked into her first AWE meeting at the invitation of Rosemary Williams. She was dressed very professionally and the few comments she made were very perceptive. I was impressed. After that initial meeting, I spent an increasing amount of time with Beth as her talents became more visible. She was a great coach and encouragement. For 3 years during the time I worked at the Church Center I spoke to Beth almost every day strategizing about one thing or another. I don't know how she had time to actually work. During the summer I paddled in her pool and

I watched her expand into the Working Group on Girls and the NGOCSW. Beth loved life and this was contagious. She enriched all of us through her love.

From Alice Medcof, Anglican Church of Canada



Judy Dickson and Alice Medcof, Canada, at CSW58, 2004

Beth was a ray of sunshine whenever she entered the room. Always a smile; always urging us to smile with her, to be optimistic, to believe that we would succeed, that there was deep pleasure in the effort because we were working together. Even if we did not accomplish our ultimate dream this year, there was always next year when we would be together again with renewed energy and with our new learnings from the past year carrying the hopes and dreams of the women and men we represented.

The global world was in her hands as she raised up her arms in dance and song every morning at 8.00am [during Ecumenical Worship at the UN Church Center Chapel]. I remember the special smile when she talked of her family - she loved them all so much.

I was invited to visit General Seminary. While there I crossed Manhattan from west to east to meet with a few friends. She was there, with a gift; a green translucent ornament that hangs in my kitchen window to this day scattering sunlight in winter when the sun is low in the sky.



Tatiana Ribeiro, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; Evelyn Lamptey, Ghana, Church of the Province of West Africa, CSW59, 2015

From Mandy Marshall, Church of England

I remember Beth and I sharing a room in New York after I couldn't bear another night being woken up at 5am with phone calls when I shared a room with another delegate [from a different time zone]. Beth got me into scanning Vanity Fair for politically astute articles and features as well as investigative journalism. It was the living reality of never judging a book by its cover. I now scan each issue of Vanity Fair for insightful articles. I never would have even considered it if it was not for Beth. I remain impressed by Beth's persistence, commitment and engagement of girls at CSW and that she fought for the voices of girls to be heard at the highest level. She was a great role model for continuing to press in and not stopping. She will be missed at the CSW. My sincere condolences to the family. No doubt Beth is having a good old chat with God right now, perhaps with a glass of the best red wine ever. With love and grateful thanks for Beth's life.

From Jill Hopkinson, Church of England

'What an enormous drink!' This was my first thought on meeting Beth, drinks container in hand with a straw sticking out! This would keep her going for hours, until another one arrived. Someone so small and petite with a drink meant for someone huge. But that was Beth: huge skill, huge patience, huge grace. Beth selflessly gave of herself to share her expertise, insight and approach with others. Her extensive knowledge and experience of the UN, how it worked and how to get the best out of CSW and other UN events and conferences for the benefit of girls, women and people of faith, were invaluable to those of us visiting for just a short time. She facilitated so well and showed what it was to lead in such a way as to make us think we had done it all ourselves, when in truth we could not have done it without her. I stand in awe of Beth: her faith, her grit and determination, her love for her family, friends and dog, and most of all her passion to improve the lives of girls and women across the globe. 'Girls rights are human rights.' The green wrist band with this slogan on it is on the water bottle in front of me as I type this. It has prompted remarks and questions in meetings since March this year and enabled talk about girls' and women's rights and the Anglican Communion at the UN. May Beth's work long continue to prompt conversations, actions and change. It was a privilege to know Beth and to sit at her feet and learn. I will miss her greatly.



Heather Hye-Kyun No, Korea; Beth; Kaori Nakamura, Japan; Rose Mpango, Tanzania, CSW62, 2018



Khushbakht Peters, Pakistan; Sar Kabaw Htoo, Myanmar; Maya Kobalgreja, Japan, CSW61 2017

From Terrie Robinson, Anglican Communion Office, London

Beth was a brilliant colleague, determined, audacious and super-competent, with a giant heart, big enough for all she met. Her love overflowed—everywhere. She didn't have to be asked twice to show us photos of her grandchildren. She was so proud of her family.

Beth was great fun! I remember her running into the Episcopal Church Center with a pretty, ribboned carton. She said joyfully to a few of us standing there, 'Come to my room later! I have cream cake!' Thank you Beth for being such a shining star.



Beth, Terrie Robinson of the Anglican Communion Office London, Ann Skamp, Australia, CSW60, 2016



The Anglican delegation to CSW61, 2017. Beth right at the heart, as ever

From Isadora Ah Kiau-Betham, Samoa, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

My memories of Beth, even though it was for a short time, but it's that wide warm welcoming smile. She had this way of making people comfortable in their own skin. Her energy and passion for her work. A beautiful soul inside and out. I left CSW61 2017 with this from her, "a time to speak, a time to be silent, a time to listen." Thank you Beth, it works all the time. Deepest condolences to the grieving family, thank you for sharing Beth with us.



Beth with Isadora Betham from Samoa, Anglican Church in New Zealand, Aotearoa & Polynesia

From Ann Smith, The Episcopal Church

My first memory of Beth, having enthusiastically heard about her before we met years ago at CSW, was when she was new to UN involvement. Her passion for girls to be leaders at CSW and her love for everyone she met will live forever in my heart and mind. She exemplified feminine leadership of

collaboration, attentive listening, respect for all and gender equality. She will truly be missed but not forgotten and continue to be held as a role model of good leadership in the Anglican Communion and UN.

From Thembeke Pama, World President of the Girls Friendly Society (GFS) Worldwide

Beth will be remembered by GFS Worldwide as she made it possible for GFS to be recognised by including us in one of the committees within the CSW and publicised the stories of the GFS Worldwide. May her family and friends take comfort from God who promised that He will never leave nor forsake us.

From Olajumoke Florence Akinkoye, Church of Nigeria

I have pictured Beth over and over again in my aching heart, even as I recall her ever warm disposition and ready smile for all that come her way as delegates from all over the Anglican Communion, gathered annually at CSW. She will be sorely missed! May Beth Adamson's beautiful, sweet and most resourceful soul, rest in God's Perfect Peace and her wonderful family members and friends, be duly and fully comforted.

From Faith Metiaki, Anglican Church of Kenya

Ever since I met Beth in 2007 during the CSW51 my life has never been the same. She was instrumental in getting me, together with many other girls from around the world, to participate at UN fora on women over the years, through the WGG and the Anglican Communion. She is also the one that introduced me to the Global Women's Fund, which gave me a university scholarship which again, changed my life, my family and my Maasai community in ways that I could not have imagined. Mama Beth hosted me in her home in Connecticut in 2007 and 2014 and I had the honour of meeting her husband Ned and daughter Ariel. I was always and will continue to be inspired by her positive energy, diligence, passion and selflessness with which she served God and others. I vividly remember taking long train trips daily from



Beth with Faith Metiaki from Kenya

Connecticut to NYC and back in preparation for my participation at the UN General Assembly in September, 2014. We shared deeply, and she told me how she had taken the trips for years just to ensure that girls' voices were heard at the UN. My heartfelt condolences to Papa Ned and daughter Ariel. Rest In Peace Mama Beth.

From Louisa Mojela, Anglican Church of Southern Africa

My sincere heartfelt condolences to the family of Beth and all the people she has touched during the life God gave her. She was such a wonderful person, full of energy and love. Always wanting every one of the Anglican CSW delegates to feel welcome, encouraging each one of us to tell our stories. This is so sad to have lost her so soon. May her soul rest in peace.

From Faith Gandiya, Zimbabwe, Church of the Province of Central Africa

What a loss! However we must believe that Beth's work here on earth was done! I remember sharing a room with Beth at the end of CSW in 2014. We had fun - we talked and prayed about our faith, our ministry and our families. She was completely committed to the cause of women and girls. In 2016, Beth wrote to me: "Our daughter has had a baby girl! Eliana (Hebrew: *God has answered me*). We are all thrilled! I am still focusing on CSW as well as the Working Group on Girls. It is a gift – as well as my responsibility to the Kingdom. I am so happy to be in touch! Much Love to you! Your sister, Beth."

From Wendy Cannon, Virginia, The Episcopal Church

Beth welcomed our group of girls and moms from Virginia for the past six years at CSW. She was a bright light and will be missed. Sharing our deepest condolences to her loved ones.

From Christina Rees, Church of England

Beth was one of the bright lights I met at The Episcopal Church headquarters in New York City when I attended my first CSW about 10 years ago. I saw her on a number of occasions and we liaised together when Ariel was married here in England. Beth gave so much of herself and was so positive and loving.

She leaves a legacy of improving life for women and girls around the world and she leaves a legacy of love in my heart

and in the hearts of so many others. What a warm and joyful homecoming she must have had in heaven!

From Sarah Chan, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Beth was a dedicated ambassador of the Anglican Communion who impressed me very much during the stay for CSW59 in New York three years ago. She always served others willingly and unselfishly. Beth's life truly reflected the Fruit of the Spirit; she was full of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. She is and will be always remembered in my life.

From Marthe Vira Mamboyabo, Anglican Church of Congo

My memory of our beloved sister Beth is just when she was saying I am the youngest - this was the last word when we left New York. Her kindness touched me so much. May her soul rest in peace.



Marthe, Democratic Republic of Congo, CSW62, 2018

From Clara Kaoru Yoshitani, Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church in Japan)

We are most grateful to Beth for her kindness to the CSW delegates from Japan. She welcomed us with open arms. Her warm smiles kept us cheerful. We beg to join many friends in tendering our heartfelt condolence to her family. May her soul rest in eternal peace. On behalf of Anglican women in Japan.



Rachel Chardon, ACOUN, Laura Marie Piotrowicz, Canada, Ruth Brigden, Australia, Beth

From Lynnaia Main, Officer, Episcopal Church Representative to the UN

I can hardly think of any person with more light, joy, smiles, smarts, energy, kindness and love for God and others than Beth. Some light has gone out of my life, all of our lives, with her passing. Beth was for me a valued colleague and mentor, a sister deeply involved with the Anglican Communion's and Episcopal Church's ministries to empower women and girls, including as a member of the leadership team for the Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations. She was an integral part and pillar of so many communities at the UN, including the Working Group on Girls and UNCSW. That work will continue to move forward, as we honor her presence, her gifts and her legacy.

Rest in peace, dear Beth, and may your soul continue to rejoice eternally as you meet our Jesus face to face. We have loved you and learned so much from you. We will continue the spirited work you've done, inspired by your example. Your gift to us and the world.



Go Beth!



Beth with speaker Sameena Nazir, CSW62, 2018

From Maria Elena Cristerna, Anglican Church of Mexico

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." Beth you will live forever in my heart. Rest in peace friend, we know you are in a better place and one day we shall meet again.



Maria Elena Cristerna, Mexico, at CSW62, 2018

From Alice Garrick, Church of Pakistan

I met Beth in 2010 at CSW and found her as a loving and kind woman. She became a very good and supportive friend of mine and helped me a lot in resolving all my worries as I was away from home. Beth always charmed everyone with her warmth and kindness. She was like a home to all those who were far away from their homes in a land where they were strangers. Beth you will always stay in our hearts.

From Clare Barry, The Episcopal Church

I first met Beth through Anglican Women's Empowerment (AWE). She was a dedicated and devoted member. Beth really cared about the girl child. One could see it in all she did. I will never forget Beth's kindness nor her brilliance. She was so gifted. Beth will be missed especially by me.



Beth with Alice Garrick, Church of Pakistan, CSW57



Alice Garrick, Pakistan, and Beth on the march for the human rights of women and girls. International Women's Day, Manhattan

From Miki Hamai, Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church in Japan)

Beth wrote on Facebook on 6 August 2018: "August 6, 1945: 73 years ago today. Visiting Hiroshima in 2014 remains one of the most powerful and heartbreaking experiences I've had. Thanks to Miki Hamai for being there for that visit and for your friendship since then." I attended CSW in 2017. Beth was a giving woman. Losing her is like a nightmare for me. We'll remember her in our prayers, may she rest in peace and may warmest memories remain.



Beth with Anglican delegates to CSW61, 2017, with flowers gifted by Isadora Ah Kiau-Betham from Samoa.

From Yvonne O'Neil, Africa Development Interchange Network; Executive Committee, NGOCSW/NY

I was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Merry Beth Adamson and it is hard to believe that I will never see her smiling face again or hear stories and see the photos of her beloved grandchildren. I have had the privilege to work with Beth while I was on the Advisory Council of the Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations and at many fora at the UN, especially NGO CSW/NY.

I always looked forward to seeing Beth at the celebration of the International Day of the Girl on October 11th. I will miss Beth's wise counsel as well as her proofreading and editorial skills on the CSW Forum Handbook—she caught every typo that many of us overlooked. I think it is fitting that the CSW63 Handbook be dedicated to Beth's memory.

May Beth rest in sweet peace and rise in glory. Her memory is truly a blessing to all who knew her.

From Glenda McQueen, Panama, The Episcopal Church

Beth was a gift to us all.

¡Descanse en Paz!



Ann Skamp, Anglican Church of Australia, then chair of the International Anglican Women's Network, with Beth at CSW58, 2014

From Ann Skamp, Anglican Church of Australia

Beth showed us that in being bold in our God and with each other we could be effective bearers of gender justice in our world; that 'our girls' would show us the way and lead us; and, that with courage, passion and innovation, we would bring true gospel transformation to our communities, our churches and our world. Beth's generous, loving spirit will continue to dance in our hearts and within our work. We send our love and prayers to Ned, the family and Beth's many friends.

From Margaret Rose, The Episcopal Church

As important as Beth's accomplishments, which were many, was Beth herself, whose generous spirit called out the best in everyone she touched. Ned wrote about "our Beth". And that is indeed who she was, a woman who consistently offered herself to others, that they (we) might be more whole. She carried and offered the 'light of Christ' to all, and experienced the world with joy and wonder. In the face of suffering or poverty or pain or injustice, Beth refused to give up hope and was instrumental in addressing systemic change in every possible way. She knew we were in it for the long haul and her legacy will be that none of us gives up the hope which propelled her and us to continue the struggle.

From Rachel Jimenez and Ashley Lopez Olijnyk, Program Assistants, ACOUN



Rachel and Ashley, Anglican Communion Office in New York

A few sentences will never be enough to describe how impactful Beth has been through her work with this office and the delegates. Beth was a guiding light to the youth delegation. She would encourage them, mentor them, and remind them to always stand up for their fundamental rights.

Beth's life and ministry touched so many around the world.

Tributes to Beth and sincere condolences to Beth's family and loved ones were also received from:

Loyce Okedi, Church of Uganda; Thanja Peiris, Church of Ceylon; Judy Dickson, Anglican Church of Canada; Marie Carmel Chery, Episcopal Diocese of Haiti; Chinelo Abadom Anazodo, Church of Nigeria; Vickie Ling, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Gertrude Niles and Kokela Siqendu, Cape Town, Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Dalcy Dlamini, Diocese of Swaziland; Linea Haufiku, Diocese of Namibia; Cynthia Yin Yin Maw, Anglican Church of Myanmar; Sarah Lawton, Susan Klein, Deborah Jackson, Margot LaZaro, Kathi Gross Wattsman, Laura Russell, Sheryl Stroud Bryant, Connie Sanchez (Honduras), Monica Daniels, Martha Gardner, and Karma Quick-Panwala, The Episcopal Church; Thapelo Beleme, Botswana, Church of the Province of Central Africa; Evelyn Lamptey, Ghana, Church of the Province of West Africa; Harriet Baka Nathan and Aida Wandu, Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Akane Shinoda, Anglican Church in Japan; Leila Diab, Jordan, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East; Ida Baure Ovoi, Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; Archdeacon Mere Wallace, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia; Doris Clements, Church of Ireland; Maria Jordan, Trinidad; Janet Sarker and Janet Habley, Church of Bangladesh; Pritty Sangma, Church of North India, Mugisa Isingoma, Anglican Church of Congo, Immaculee Nyirensangimana, Province of the Anglican church of Rwanda.

And many, many more. Messages of condolence, love and prayer are still being received.



Beth in action. Photo: Ecumenical Women

All our laughter, all our sadness,
Safe now in God's hands.

All our stories, all our memories,
Safe now in God's hands

Beth, who we remember and who
we love,
Safe now in God's hands.