



### ***What is the Commission on the Status of Women?***

The main global intergovernmental body dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. It meets in a two-week session every year where UN agencies, Member States, and civil society organizations (like the UCC) discuss issues facing women, girls, and gender equality. It also assesses progress made towards the implementation of various global women's rights documents. Each year, the Commission focuses on specific themes, known as the priority and review themes. At the end of the two-week session, an outcome is usually agreed upon by UN Member States.

### ***What are the 2023 CSW themes?***

**Priority theme:** Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls

**Review theme:** Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls

### ***Why is the UCC engaged in this work?***

Religious groups are an important voice for expansive, intentional, and inclusive civil society participation in UN decision-making. Engagement with the United Nations and its various agencies is an important part of our vision to create a just world for all. The UCC has long advocated for gender equality and participation in CSW is part of that calling.

### ***What can I expect as a UCC delegate to CSW 2023?***

CSW will occur from March 6-17, 2023. The delegation will meet in the weeks prior to meet each other, review the schedule of events, and receive some orientation and training to the UN system and CSW specifically. There will be no cost to delegates to register and no travel as all events will be held virtually.

### ***Timeline of delegation meetings and events:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Delegation Meeting on Zoom; February 16, 6-7pm EST
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegation Meeting on Zoom; February 28, 6-7pm EST
- Ecumenical Women Orientation Session; March 4, 9am-noon EST
- First Day of CSW; March 6
- Delegation Meeting on Zoom; March 10, 6-7pm EDT
- Last day of CSW and Delegation Meeting on Zoom; March 17, 6-7pm EDT

### ***How can I be part of the UCC's delegation to CSW 2023?***

Email Rebekah Choate at [choater@ucc.org](mailto:choater@ucc.org). She will then send registration and additional information.