

## **Board Class 2027a**

### **Ana Lucia Palacios Hidalgo**

Ana Lucia Palacios Hidalgo is a businesswoman with fifteen years of experience working at her family's construction supply business in Ecuador. She also has Audit and Tax Accounting experience both in the Ecuadorian government and in the private sector. She has previously served on the Finance Committee and Standing Committee for the Diocese of Central Ecuador, and has been a member of the Episcopal Church for six years. She has a Bachelors in Accounting for Business and Administrative Science from the Escuela Fiscal Virginias Larenas, a degree in Financial and Audit Engineering from the Escuela Politécnica del Ejército (ESPE) (2009), and a Masters in Tax Law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (PUCE) (2017).

### **Ranjit K. Mathews**

The Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews serves as the Canon to the Ordinary of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Prior to his current role, he served for nearly two years as Canon for Mission Advocacy, Racial Justice and Reconciliation for ECCT. In that role he worked with parishes and diocesan leadership to make real God's realm of justice, love, and peace, with a focus on ECCT's commitment to dismantle racism and white supremacy in our nation and in our church. Ranjit graduated from The George Washington University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration, and from Union Theological Seminary with a Master's in Divinity with a focus on Contextual Theology. He previously served as Partnership Officer for Africa on the Presiding Bishop's staff of The Episcopal Church. As such Ranjit functioned as a diplomat from The Episcopal Church and the Presiding Bishop to Anglican Provinces and dioceses in Africa south of the Sahara, working towards mutual mission priorities amongst Anglican/Episcopal partners in the region. Prior to his work with the churchwide office, the Rev. Mathews was associate rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach, California, a bilingual parish where he worked to build connections between the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking community members and led the youth group. Before that he was a Lecturer in Theology at the Msalato Theological College of St. John's University in Tanzania as a member of The Episcopal Church's Mission Volunteer program, and served as assistant rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Milton, Massachusetts. Before becoming Canon in the ECCT, Ranjit served as the rector of St. James Episcopal Church in New London, CT for four years. He is Chair of the interim Task Force of Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglicans living in the diaspora. He serves on the board of the Episcopal Evangelism Society, and as the clergy representative to the Anglican Consultative Council from The Episcopal Church. Ranjit lives with his spouse, Johanna, their two boys, Dhruv and Kabir, and their dog, Samara in Rocky Hill, CT. He grew up in the Boston area and considers New England home. Ranjit loves national and local politics, pop culture, hip-hop, sports, and being out in creation.