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Lelanda Lee serves as a lay leader in The Episcopal Church, conducting Anti-Racism and leadership workshops, keynoting conferences, and writing for church publications, such as Forward Day by Day, Vestry Papers, and Church Publishing. In her parish, she is a confirmation catechist, lay preacher, and stewardship team member.

From 2009-2015, she served on the General Convention (GC) Deputation of the Diocese of Colorado. Lelanda was awarded ECW's Distinguished Woman Award at the 2012 GC and the Colorado Bishop's Cross in 2012 for her leadership and service to the church.

From 2009-2015, Lelanda served as the Province VI Lay Representative to Executive Council, where she chaired the Joint Standing Committee on Advocacy and Networking for Mission. Her committee's portfolio included the church's social justice and public policy initiatives. During her term, the overarching issues of the day were racial justice, alleviation of domestic poverty, and comprehensive reform of the criminal justice and immigration systems.

From 2009-2012, Lelanda was the Executive Council representative to the Church Council of full communion partner, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. At the 2012 General Convention, Lelanda served as vice chair of the Legislative Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. Lelanda has collaborated on issues of climate change with the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations and the church's interfaith partners.

From 2007-2013, Lelanda was a member and the secretary of Colorado's Standing Committee. She has been an Anti-Racism, leadership, stewardship, and Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) workshop leader, trainer, and curriculum developer. She is an Education for Ministry (EfM) graduate and mentor.

Lelanda worked for First Hawaiian Bank in Honolulu and Norwest Bank in Denver as a pension trust officer, customer service manager, product development officer, commercial lender, and branch manager. She also worked as a part-time youth minister in Amarillo, Texas, and as the program administrator for the Colorado Episcopal Foundation, focused on stewardship, planned giving, capital campaigns, and vestry leadership development.

Lelanda's community activities have included officer, board, committee chair, and hands-on volunteer service for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, the American Heart Association, the 32nd Avenue Jubilee Center, KIDS HOPE USA, and numerous opera and art organizations in Hawaii, Texas, and Colorado. She currently volunteers at Longmont United Community Hospital in the ICU.

Lelanda was born in New York City into a Chinese immigrant family and grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where she attended public schools and Wayne State University. Lelanda is married to Herb Berman, a nuclear physicist, and they have a married son, four grandsons, and a trans son, and an extended household that includes Lelanda's mother and brother.