



# UNA ★ USA

Maine Chapter



We know that you will honor this important day! Thank you!

### **New Board Leadership.**

Our Annual Meeting on **April 2**, included an interesting and lively discussion between Board member Bret Bergst, and Ukrainian born Chapter member Yanina Nickless, a 2019 graduate of the University of Southern Maine, and a former Model UN Secretary General, on the development of youth

leadership through Model UN. A recording is available of the discussion, if you missed it.

Also at our meeting, members and guests were introduced to a fabulous new Board leadership team. Our new President is Andrea Keushguerian, from Damariscotta. A board member since 2009, and former Board Secretary, Andrea is a Special Education teacher at Lincoln Academy, in Newcastle, where she also serves as a Model UN coach. Don Lawson-Stopps, an attorney from Bath continues as Vice President. Peter Cole, from Topsham, a member of the Board since 2017, and former educator, continues as Treasurer. Elizabeth Eames, from Lewiston, a retired Professor of Anthropology at Bates, and current elected School Board member, is our new Secretary. Other continuing board members are: Bret Bergst, Bruno Yomoah, Catherine Yomoah, Eleanor Brown, and Dr. Timothy Ruback. Bios of all board members can be found on our website: <http://www.unamaine.org> We also welcomed two new board members, Rev. Frank Strasburger and Andrew Oliver, profiled below.



**REV. FRANK STRASBURGER**, devoted most of his 45-year career as a teacher and priest to young people. Beginning his career as a teacher, chaplain, and administrator at some of the nation's leading independent schools, he later spent over a decade as the Episcopal Chaplain at Princeton University. Frank also served in a number of Episcopal parishes, including most recently as interim rector at St. Andrew's in Newcastle, Maine.

Frank is co-founder and emeritus president of Princeton in Africa, an international service fellowship for college graduates. He was also a

founding board member of Healthy Learners, expanding access to health care for school-aged children in Zambia.

A Jew by birth, Frank enjoyed exploring how to minister effectively across pluralistic boundaries. He is the author of *Growing Up: Limiting Adolescence in a World Desperate for Adults*. Now retired, he serves on a number of nonprofit boards. Frank has three children, four grandchildren, and lives with his wife Carrie in Topsham. Welcome Frank!

**ANDREW OLIVER** is a former UNA Maine board member, serving from 2015-2016. Andrew was crucial in introducing UNA Maine's use of social media platforms, like Twitter, to promote the mission, vision, and values of the United Nations, as well as our Chapter's content and events.

Andrew graduated from Western Carolina University (2012) where he aided in the coordination of humanitarian outreach events and took part in Model UN. He also holds a Master's in Public Administration (2017) from Central Michigan University. Professionally, he now serves as a government consultant with BerryDunn. His prior work experience included over six years in government and



technology industries.

Andrew has recently settled into Old Orchard Beach, where he is within jogging distance of the beach! Welcome Andrew!



Registration is now open for the UNA-USA 2022 Leadership Summit. There are two ways to participate: 1) in person in Washington DC with online lobbying; or 2) attending the Summit completely virtually. To learn more, including the schedule, and to register, go to: <https://leadershipsummit2022.splashthat.com/>

### **Upcoming Events**

**April 25:** UNAIDS Executive Director. See Sidebar/below.

**May 7--9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.**

Virtual UNA Maine Chapter Board meeting. All members welcome



(including Bates Chapter members). For the link, email: [info@unamaine.org](mailto:info@unamaine.org)

**May 11-13**

Maine Model UN Conference. USM Gorham.

**June 5-7**

UNA-USA 2022 Leadership Summit, Washington D.C. Register now (see details above).



**2022 Justice For Women Lecture**  
Monday, April 25, 2022

The University of Maine School of Law presents the eleventh annual Justice for Women lecture welcoming **Winnie Byanyima**, UNAIDS Executive Director, speaking on "The Struggle for a More Equal World--Why It's Essential and How We Can Win." The lecture is April 25, noon to 1:30. It is free and open to the public. Register at: [UNAIDS](#)