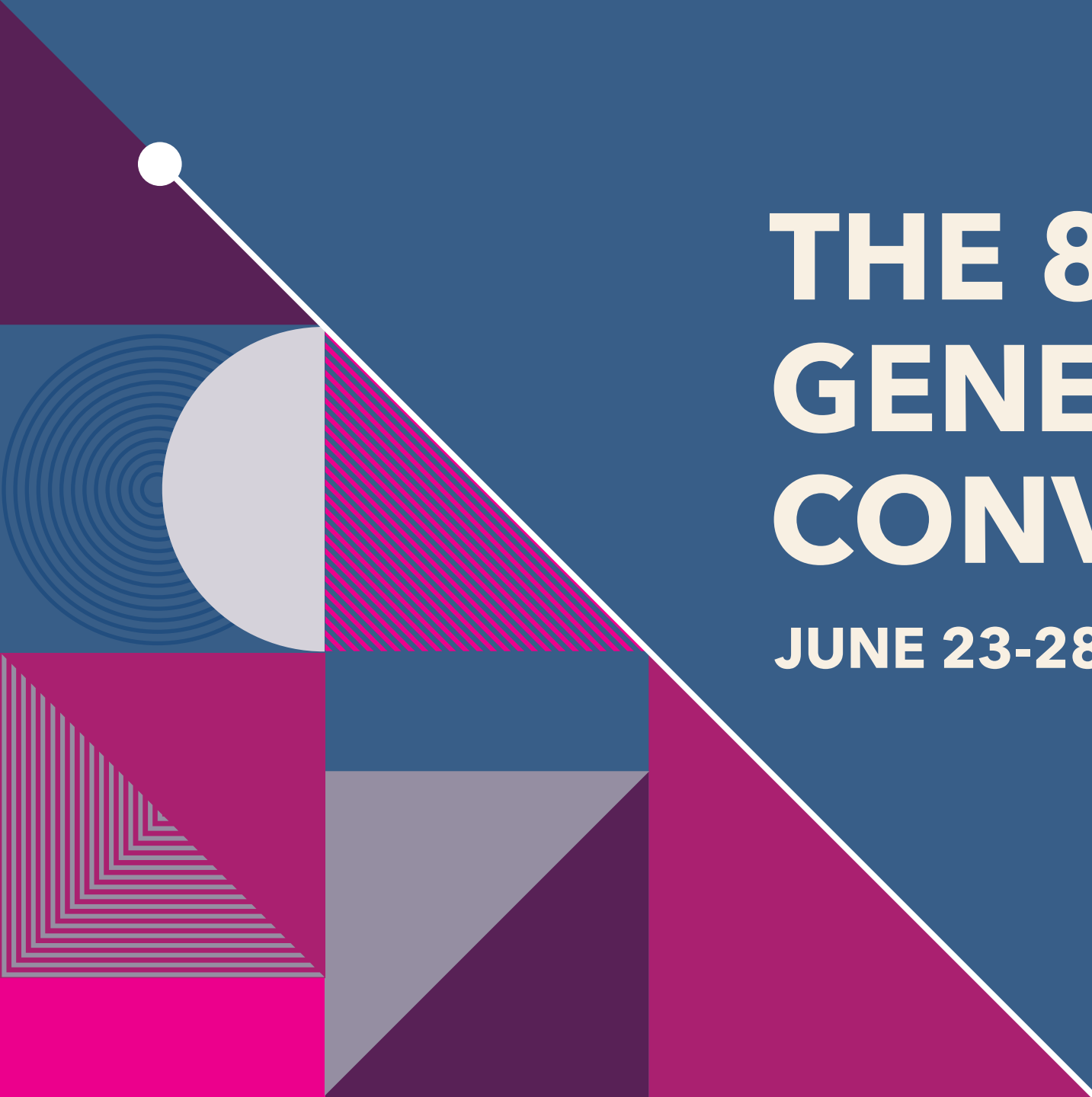
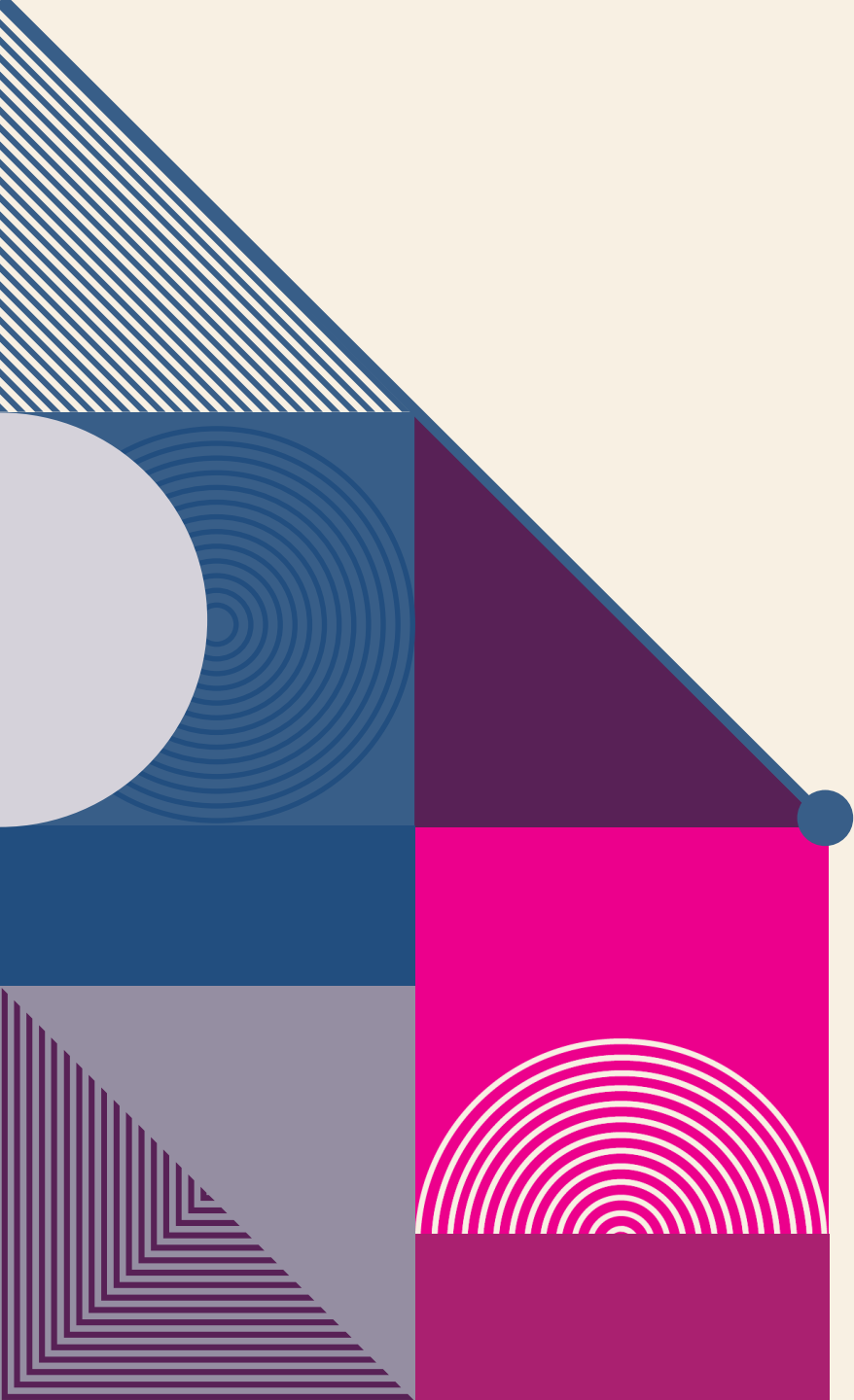




THE 81ST GENERAL CONVENTION

JUNE 23-28, 2024 | LOUISVILLE, KY



OVERVIEW

Friendship & Fellowship

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Prayer & Progress

Legislative Bodies



FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



Deputation for the Diocese of Olympia:

The Rev. Rachel Taber Hamilton	<i>Trinity, Everett</i>	Judy Andrews	<i>Saint Mark's Cathedral</i>
The Rev. Malcolm McLaurin	<i>Holy Cross, Redmond</i>	Sharalyne King	<i>St. Stephen, Longview</i>
The Rev. Jedediah Fox	<i>Redeemer, Kenmore</i>	Tiernan Sweeny-Bender	<i>Epiphany, Seattle</i>
The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons	<i>Trinity, Seattle</i>	Michael Seewer	<i>Saint Mark's Cathedral</i>



Alternates:

- The Rev. Canon Elise Johnstone (St. John the Baptist, West Seattle)
- April Thomson (St. Paul's, Bellingham)

Others present from Saint Mark's:

- Doug Thorpe
- Kathleen Nyhuis
- Mary Segall



LEARNING & GROWING

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) events, including their 150th birthday party!

Diocese of Kentucky night, with a variety of themed events, from "Do Say Gay", to "Episco-Disco Compline" to a forum about horses, etc.

Variety of events and activities in the exhibit hall.

Drag me to Church: A Gospel Drag Show
Calvary Episcopal Church on Friday evening, raising money for Calvary's food ministry.

Young Adults Festival ...
much, much, much more!





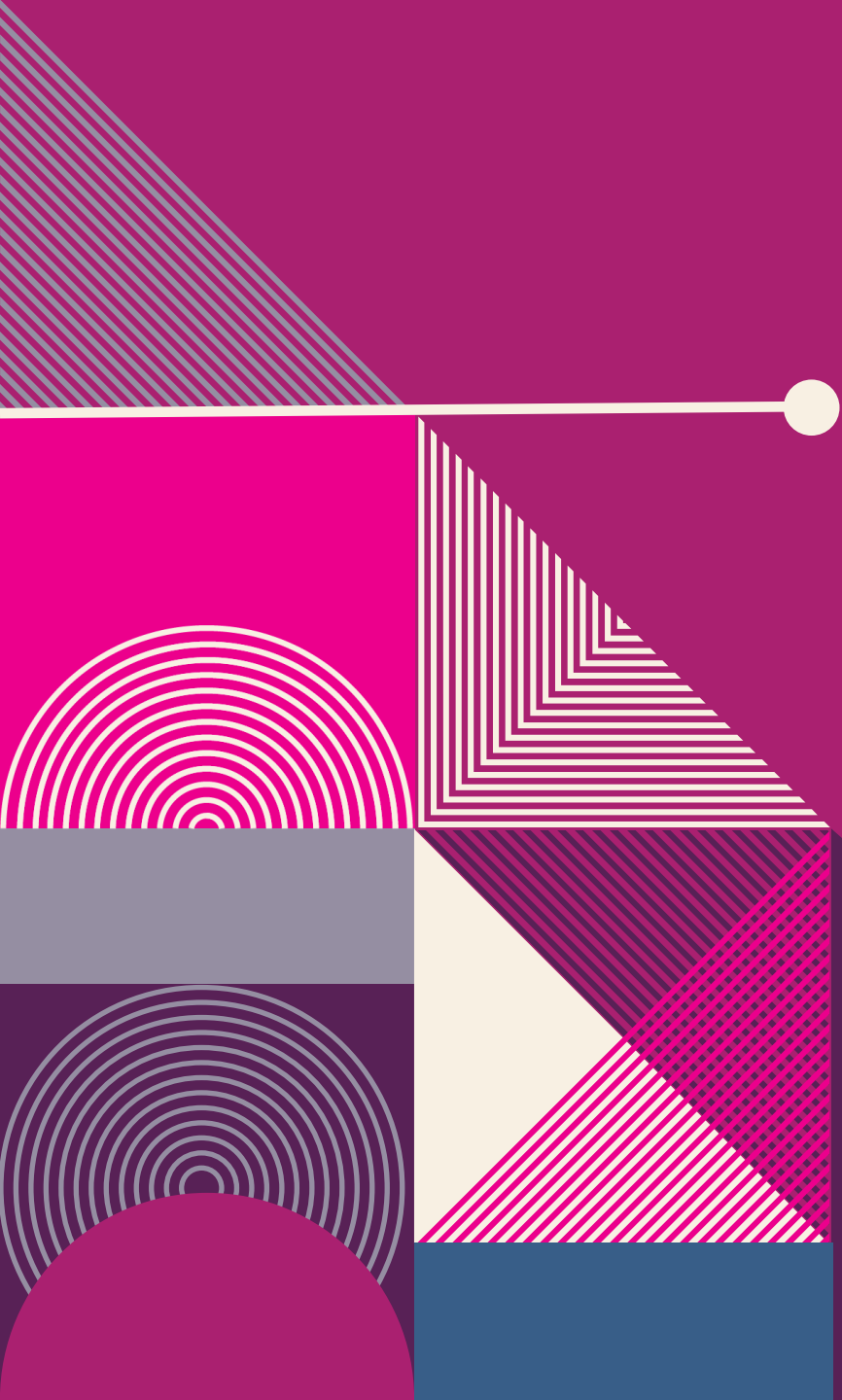
MEETINGS & REPORTS

- Each legislative committee submitted reports (blue book reports) in advance of General Convention (lots of information about proposed resolutions and important goals/conversations in these reports)
 - **generalconvention.org/bluebook2024**
- Many groups met during General Convention, which gave those present the opportunity to learn more about the legislative process and what those groups were working on
 - Episcopal Church Women
 - Official Youth Presence
- Concise summary of actions from General Convention 81 can be found at **generalconvention.org/summary-of-actions**

VISITING THE EXHIBIT HALL

One of the main opportunities to learn and grow while at General Convention was making a visit to the Exhibit Hall!





PRAYER & PROGRESS

DAILY PRAYER

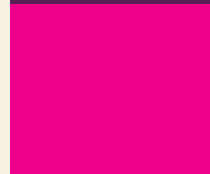
Each day of General Convention opened with either Morning Prayer or celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

The week was prefaced on Saturday, June 22 with the “Love, Always” Revival at the “KFC Yum! Center”, Presiding Bishop Curry’s last revival during his term as Presiding Bishop.

The Convention week officially opened with celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning, June 23, at which the President of the House of Deputies, Ayala Harris, preached.

The Presiding-Bishop Elect preached at the closing Eucharist for the week on Friday, June 28.

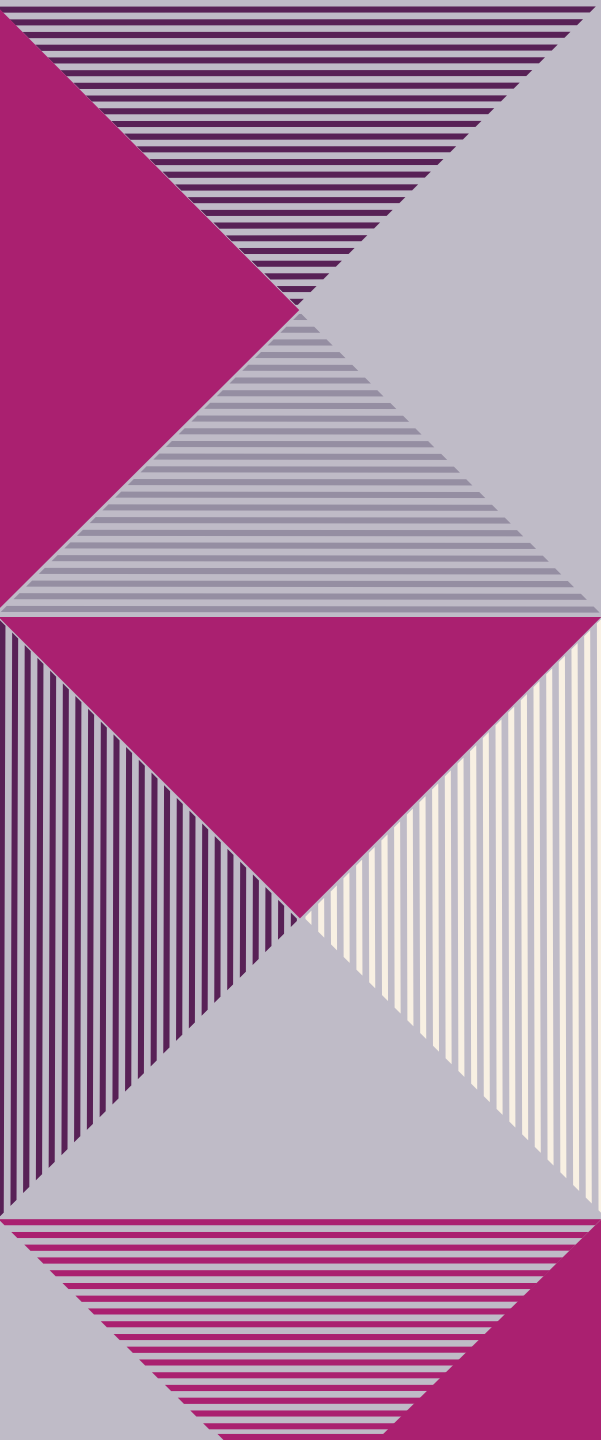








LEGISLATIVE BODIES



TWO HOUSES: DEPUTIES & BISHOPS

House of Deputies

- Presided over by the President of the House of Deputies
- Lay and clergy deputies elected to represent their diocese
- Every diocese has 4 lay and 4 clerical deputies with seat/voice/vote
- There are other groups present with just seat or just seat/voice, but no vote.

House of Bishops

- Presided over by the Presiding Bishop
- Comprised of all bishops, active and retired.
- Meets concurrently along with the House of Bishops
- Legislation goes between both houses throughout the week of General Convention (both houses have to adopt a resolution for it to pass).



NOTABLE ACTIONS OF GENERAL CONVENTION

- Resolution A031: addressing the ongoing **harm of coercive and abusive Christian ministries** (indigenous boarding schools, homes for unwed mothers, crisis pregnancy centers)
- Resolution A079: designates the **Sunday closest to October 10 (World Mental Health Day) as Mental Health Sunday**, encouraging all Episcopal dioceses to participate, and provides resources.
- Resolution D039: condemns **harmful and oppressive book bans** and advocates for access to material affirming queer, minority, and other marginalized groups in schools, libraries, dioceses, and parishes.
- Resolution C009: Approval for **The Episcopal Church in Navajoland to become a missionary diocese**
- Resolution A167: Confirm the election of **Sean Rowe as next Presiding Bishop**



NOTABLE ACTIONS OF GENERAL CONVENTION

- Special resolutions on the Holy Land (D007, D013, D056)
 - Condemn/lament the Hamas-led attacks of October 7, 2023, calling for an immediate ceasefire
 - Affirm the attacks were terrorism, affirm the lament of the violence, call on work of human rights organizations to continue
 - Calling for an immediate ceasefire
- Resolution A188: celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Philadelphia Eleven, approve a prayer for use in commemoration
- Resolution D051: Reuniting of 3 dioceses of Wisconsin (formerly Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee) into the new Diocese of Wisconsin
- Resolution C025: Reunite the diocese of Eastern & Western Michigan into the Diocese of the Great Lakes



NOTABLE ACTIONS OF GENERAL CONVENTION

- Liturgical actions:
 - Resolutions A072 & A221: discuss the definition and use of the Book of Common Prayer
 - Resolution A112: approved the use of an expanded Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) daily readings
 - Resolution A114: approved trial use of an expansive-language Eucharistic Prayer C (with two different options for responses)
 - Resolution A115: approved trial use of alternative texts for Good Friday liturgy
 - Resolution A129: approves expansion of lectionary for Lesser Feasts & Fasts

ADDITIONAL READING ABOUT GENERAL CONVENTION

Source	Site Name	URL
Scott Gunn	Seven Whole Days	sevenwholedays.org/gc81
General Convention	Homepage of GC	https://generalconvention.org/
House of Deputies	Homepage of HoD	houseofdeputies.org
Virtual Binder	Virtual Binder	vbinder.net

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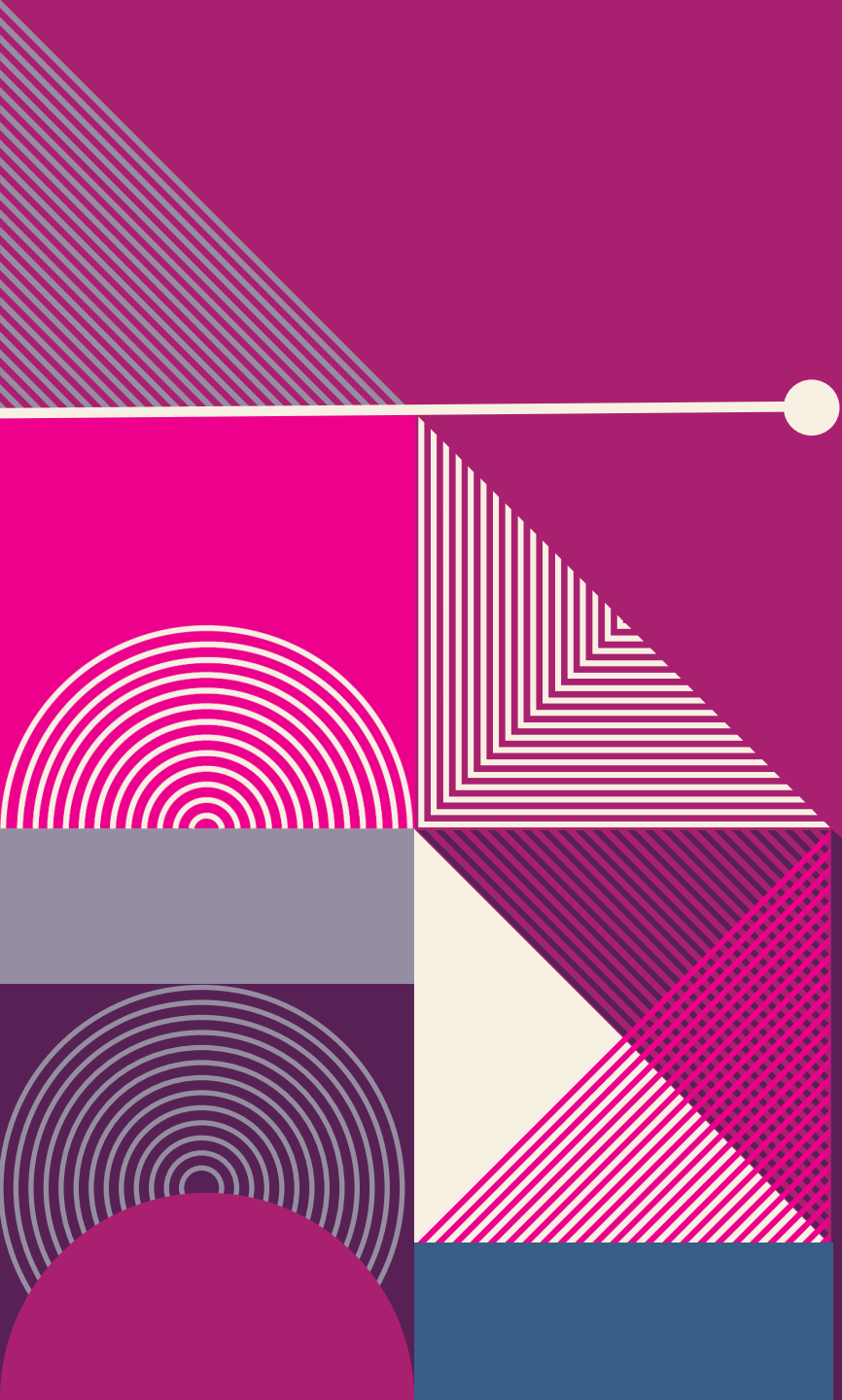


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QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU