NED Alliance Women Newsletter

HIS MASTERPIECE

A Unique Design

August 2026

This summer is flying by and we are in the heart of warm weather, summer vacations and a slower pace of life. It's important to have those slower seasons in our life. Those slow-down and relax months are necessary for our bodies, our minds and emotions, and our souls.

I've been in a season of being much more intentional about what I allow into my life. I was finding that 90% of my days were about rushing through them so I could check things off my to-do list. Every time I turned around I had another meeting and as frustrated as I was, I realized I was the one scheduling them! As I've learned to slow down and choose what I want to see happen, I've been able to have extended time with the Lord in prayer and reading His word. I've also scheduled times of connection with people I love. I've been able to work on some projects that I have been wanting to get to, but never seem to have the time to do. And I've still been able to be productive and do all my work-related things. But taking control of how I wanted to spend my days has been very freeing and has created space that encourages growth.

God has designed us all in unique ways with different personalities and gifts. He has put different passions in each of us, has a place for us and gives us each a purpose. But if we continue to race through life at the mercy of our calendars and others' expectations, we will never be able to figure that out.

This summer has been a journey of discovering what God has for me. I want to invite you to join me in this journey and season of slowing down, hearing from the Lord, being intentional in what you allow in your life, and living from a place of rest and not rush.

Fall Refocus will touch on the idea of being a unique design, created by God for the plans and purposes He has for your life. Won't you join us at Delta Lake Bible Conference Center on September 25-27 to hear what He has to say? I'd love to connect with you there!

~ Terri

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Go to our website to register
https://nedalliancewomen.org/2026-fall-refocus

ALLIANCE WOMEN

FALL REFOCUS

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

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SAMANTHA WHELSKY
MAIN SPEAKER

Worship
Inspirational
IW Speaker
Fun and Fellowship
Shopping

DELTA LAKE BIBLE CONFERENCE CENTER
ROME, NY

Online Registration Link:

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"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

—EPHESIANS 2:10

The Northeastern District Alliance Women have set a goal of $16,000 for the 2026-2027 Year.

Please turn in all money to our district Alliance Women's treasurer, Peg Kelwaski by June 15, 2027.

Thank you!

Thank you to Janice Armstrong who has served as the Northeastern District Alliance Women's Lighthouse Coordinator for the past few years. She has worked hard to make The Lighthouse Cottage at Delta Lake a warm and inviting place for guests to stay. Janice and her husband, Pat, are retiring and moving to Florida.

Janice, you will be greatly missed!



Welcome



We want to welcome Ramona Cummings into the new role of the Lighthouse Cottage Coordinator. After chatting with Mona it seems as if she has been designed for this new position. We are looking forward to having her as part of the Northeastern District Alliance Women Leadersip Team.

Welcome, Mona!



We also want to give our warm thanks to Betty Daughenbaugh, who has been the booking agent for The Lighthouse Cottage for many years.

Thank you to Esther Lovejoy and Norma Wheeland, who clean after each group that stays at the cottage.

Thank you to Rome Alliance Church ladies who have been opening and closing the cottage each season. We appreciate your service!

Thank you to Auburn Alliance Church women who have decided to take this on for the coming year as Rome Alliance women step away from this role.

We appreciate all of our volunteers and couldn't do this without you!

Shaping

EMERGING LEADERS

Volunteer
Internship
Opportunity



ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-25 AND LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A CALL TO MINISTRY?

SERVE WITH OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM.

GROW PERSONALLY, SPIRITUALLY, AND IN BOTH MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

Contact Terri Groh at
terrigroh@yahoo.com

Pompidou Guest House
Libreville, Gabon

Our district Alliance Women support the Pompidou Guest House in Libreville, Gabon, Africa as our overseas project. Wee are raising money for ongoing repairs and updates to the home.

This house is used for ministry for International Workers and visitors flying into the city of Libreville on their way to Bongolo Hospital and other parts of the country.

Thank you for your continued support to help these projects happen. All money should be sent to our district Alliance Women treasurer, Peg Kelwaski, earmarked “Pompidou”.

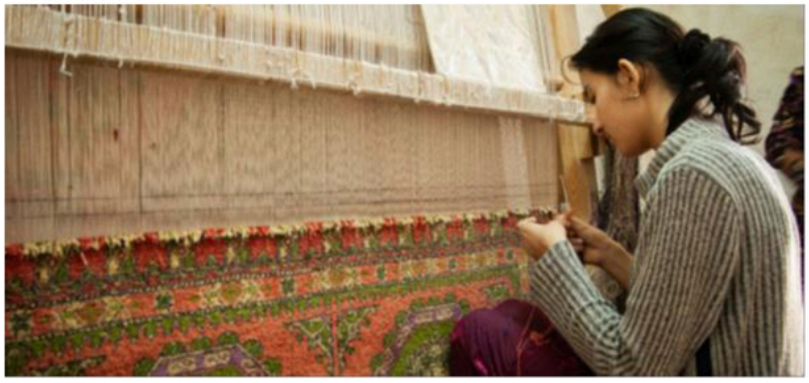
Peg’s information: 3601 Pelton Road, Sherman, NY 14781
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Our district Alliance Women leadership team voted to raise $1,500 in 2026-2027 for ongoing repairs and updates to the home.



You are Chosen

by Eunice Ron Mateo



Have you ever wondered why God chose you?

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."—1 Peter 2:9-10

From a young age, I often wondered why I was born into a Christian home, to parents who have served and pastored a church since before I was born. One day, as I brought this question to God while reading His Word, I sensed a simple yet profound answer in my heart: "because it pleased Me."

That moment changed something in me. It reminded me that my life was not random, but intentional—that I had been chosen by God for His purposes.

Have you ever heard the phrase, "the more you know someone, the more you love them"? It is true. The closer we grow, the deeper our love becomes—more intentional, more thoughtful, more real.

In the same way, God, as the Master Potter, carefully chooses the clay He will use to shape His masterpiece. He is not careless. He sees the final design from the beginning. It is like when we plan a recipe—we already imagine the flavor we want, and that vision guides every ingredient we choose.

That is how the Lord sees you.

He has chosen you carefully and intentionally. Even when you do not understand why, or for what purpose. Even when others around you may not see what He sees—or may not agree with the way He is shaping your life.

God knows your heart. He sees your willingness to serve Him and honor Him, even in your weakness, even in your doubts.

Sometimes we struggle to believe this truth. We compare ourselves; we question our worth, or we feel unqualified. But this passage reminds us that our identity is not based on what we do, but on what God has done: you are chosen, you belong to Him, and you have received His mercy.

And there is a purpose in that calling: that you may proclaim His excellencies.

Being chosen is not just a privilege, but also a calling. We are invited to reflect on His light in a world that is still in darkness, to live in a way that points others back to Him.

Today, I want to encourage you: keep allowing Him to shape you. Trust His process. Even when you do not fully understand it.

He is not finished with you yet.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what areas of your life do you struggle to believe that you are chosen by God?
2. How does knowing that God intentionally formed you change the way you see yourself?
3. What is one practical way you can reflect that God chose you to others this week?

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for choosing me, even when I don't always understand why. Thank you for your mercy and for calling me out of darkness into your marvelous light. Help me to believe this truth deeply in my heart. Teach me to trust your process as you shape my life according to your perfect design. Use me to reflect your love and your light to those around me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Extra Group Activities:

1. Darkness to Light Visual Mapping: Give each lady a piece of paper. Have them divide the paper in half. On the LEFT side write "I once was…" and then on the RIGHT side write "Now I am…" Give them several minutes to write words for both columns. Allow time for sharing. Remind them that the process is ongoing and encourage them to allow the Lord to do what He does best and shape us into exactly what He desires us to be.

2. Called By Name Prayer Walk: (Indoors or Outside) Set up 4-6 stations with verses about being chosen (John 15:16, Isaiah 43:1, Ephesians 1:4, etc.). At each station have a reflection prompt: ex. "Jesus what part of my story are you redeeming?", "Where are you inviting me to trust Your choosing?" etc. Women walk through quietly and they can either pray or journal.

3. Chosen Planting Activity: Provide small pots, soil, seeds (herbs or flowers). As they plant have them reflect on What Jesus might be calling them to cultivate in this season. A living reminder that Jesus' choosing always leads to growth. They can attach a small tag that says Chosen by Jesus to attach to the pot.

Author Bio:



Eunice Ron Mateo is an Ecuadorian living in Uruguay with her husband, Eleazar. She serves in her local church and with the Alliance World Fellowship, contributing to global ministry and mission. She is passionate about compassion ministry, teaching, and discipleship, and is committed to helping others grow in their walk with God. Eunice enjoys coffee or mate and meaningful conversations that build community.

These devotionals can also be found on the National Alliance Women's website:
www.alliancewomen.org

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

ALLIANCE MISSIONS SUMMIT

GOSPEL ACCESS: FOR ALL FROM ALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
9 AM - 3:30 PM
AUBURN ALLIANCE CHURCH



Rev. Bryce Baldwin
Keynote



Amy Reodding
Emerging Leader Track



Missions Spotlight
CAC Worker in W. Africa

- Inspiring Speakers
- Emerging Leaders Track
- Breakout Sessions
- Networking Opportunities
- Lunch provided
- Adults - $40 Teens - $25
- Deadline - Fri. Oct. 9, 2026

Don't miss being a part of something bigger! Whether you're new to Alliance Missions or a seasoned veteran, the NED Alliance Missions Summit offers something for everyone.

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION
(REG. OPENS JULY 1, 2026)