

# GCW E-CONNECT

## NED Great Commission Women Update

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## Spring Refresh

Spring Refresh will take place on April 27-28, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn, NY. Registration packets will be mailed out to the churches in mid-January.

In the meantime, feel free to share the following information.

## Spring Refresh

April 27-28, 2018

Holiday Inn, Auburn

**Keynote Speakers**  
**Converge Speakers**  
**Global Impact Moments**  
**Teen Breakout Session**  
**Worship in Music**  
**Fellowship**  
**Fun**



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Heather Smith**

**Speaker & Author**  
**Women's Ministry Leader**  
**Board Member, CAMA Services**

### Converge Speakers

Lisa Vogan  
 District Disciplemaking  
 Ministries Director  
*More Hope*



Katie Wells  
 Author, "Reckless  
 Design: Wild  
 Surrender"  
*More Victory*



### International Worker Speakers



Sue Stern



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### Worship Leader



Lori Suckling

Online registration as well  
 as mail in forms available.  
 More information to come!

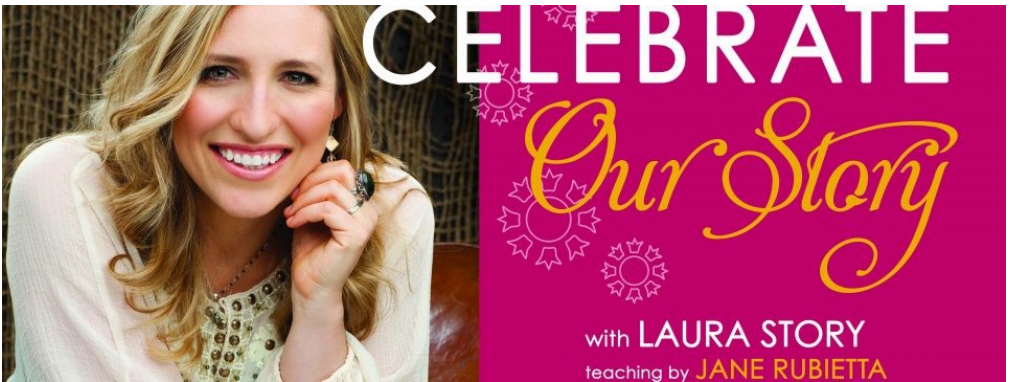
### Teen Leader

Jessica Sears



Don't forget we have a new website: [www.gcwned.org](http://www.gcwned.org)!

**Reminder: Registration opens for Celebrate 2018 on February 1, 2018. Celebrate is a national conference for women and will be held October 11-14, 2018 in Lancaster, PA.**



Click [here](http://www.greatcommissionwomen.org) for more information or go to [www.greatcommissionwomen.org](http://www.greatcommissionwomen.org).



## OUR GOD IS EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANT:

by Darlene Mason, NED GCW Secretary

Ahhh! ABUNDANCE. We live in a culture where we understand that word -- or at least we think we do ...

*If one is good, two must be better.*

*Go-BIG-or-Go-Home.*

*We're running in so many directions we meet ourselves coming & going.*

*There is strength in numbers (the few become unimportant).*

We build super stores, gigantic malls, and mega-churches and exhaust ourselves frantically running after the lifestyles of the rich and famous. We feel successful if our calendars are so full, we barely have time to sleep. We *FRIEND* the world on FB but have few (if any) deep, personal, transparent friendships. Does any of this sound just a little too familiar? **STOP!** All of this stuff is the philosophy of a broken world of unbelievers.

There is, however, a scriptural view of more that God is calling us to -- MORE of HIM. He calls us to be still and know Him (Psalm 46:10). We see all throughout scripture where *Little is much if God is in it* (Proverbs 15:16): a little bread (John 6); a little army (Judges 7); a little weapon (Exodus 4, I Samuel 17, Judges 3, Judges 15); a little money (Mark 12); a little faith (Matthew 17:20); a little man (Luke 19); just to mention a few.

Oh ... it's easy enough for us to believe in an exceedingly powerful God on a grand scale -- creation of the universe, virgin birth or resurrection -- but what about promises He makes to us on an individual basis? He promises to help us in times of temptation (I Corinthians 10:13), so why do we continually turn to ourselves to solve our problems (as if we could) instead of turning in faith to an EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANT all-powerful, almighty GOD who is able to help us find a way out?

In a fragile world full of exhausted people in dire need of sleep or in dire need of peace, a lot of things are accomplished half-heartedly (at best); but we serve a God who does nothing *little* or *meagerly* -- He is a GO-BIG GOD! But wait -- there's more -- He came that we, too, could live a GO-BIG lifestyle ... **John 10:10 "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."**

Let's loosen our grip on the things we hold onto so tightly and allow OUR EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANT GOD to show up in our day-to-day lives. He desires to use each little thing we give to Him to give us victory and bring glory to the Father.

**"Dream big, and I will go beyond that."**  
--God