

Great Commission Women

Dear Northeastern District Women Ministry Directors/Coordinators:

It's only the middle of January and already feels like a very long winter! I'm looking forward to spring and especially, the 2018 Spring Refresh Women's Conference "More" on April 27-28, 2018. It will be here before you know it. The planning committee has met, and we are looking forward to having the women and teens of our district get together for encouragement and fellowship at the Auburn Holiday Inn.

Our keynote speaker this year is Heather Smith. Heather is the Director of Women's Ministry at CrossPoint Alliance Church in Lewiston, ID. She is a board member of CAMA Services, and was a certified Christian conciliator for Peacemakers Ministries. She graduated from Trinity Seminary with an MA in Biblical Counseling and also holds a BA in Speech and Broadcast Communications from Geneva College. Her husband, Paul, is pastor of CrossPoint Alliance Church and they have two children.

We trust many of you can join us on Friday afternoon beginning at 3 p.m. for our Converge sessions. We have two excellent speakers in place. District Disciplemaking Director, Lisa Vogan, will be speaking on *More Hope*. Katie Wells Barrera, author of *Wild Design: Reckless Surrender*, will be speaking on *More Victory*. There will be plenty of time to check in your hotel room following the Converge sessions.

We will hear from International Workers, Sue Stern and CAC Worker, Wendy. Friday evening the teens will *Ignite* at their breakout time with Jessica Sears in the courtyard pool following the evening session. The teen Saturday morning breakout session, "Do You Have Room for More?" will be with Jessica from 8:15 to 9:30. Jessica has a great time planned for the teens.

Our worship will be led by Scott & Lori Suckling. Scott & Lori have done the worship at a couple of our events in the past, as well as for Delta Lake Family Camp. We look forward to having them with us this year. There will be a prayer room available this year with different prayer stations. Please feel free to utilize your free time by visiting the stations. As always, there will be a book room and gift shop available, so the ladies can shop during their free time.

In this packet are posters and speaker bios for promotion, a registration form and information, a bi-fold Refresh schedule with important details and bulletin inserts. If you need additional copies, you can go to our web site and print more copies. That web site address is www.gcwned.org. Go to the Spring Refresh tab and you will find the materials there. This year we are also offering online registration for a small fee. You can register at EventBrite.com and find the event, Spring Refresh 2018. Cost to register online is \$79.04 for early bird registration and \$89.45 after April 6 until the final deadline of April 16th.

We would love to have you reserve these dates on your church and personal calendars and start promoting Refresh as soon as you receive your packet. Note the **early bird registration deadline is April 6**. We suggest you give each woman and teen girl in your church a personal copy of the Refresh schedule well in advance so they can make plans. The hotel has worked hard with us this year so that we can actually keep the registration cost a bit lower than last year. After April 6th, the registration will cost you \$10 more. **The FINAL deadline for making your hotel reservation AND registration is April 16.** PLEASE note, this HAS to be the final date for registrations.

Again, the Auburn Holiday Inn has given us a great weekend room rate. They have renovated the hotel rooms and please note that there can only be four people to a room with no cots available. Please remember to be a good testimony when you make reservations and interact with the staff at Holiday Inn.

Serving Him with You,

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