

Northeastern District Great Commission Women

February 2018



More of Me

Henri Nouwen ~

"Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?"

These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come."

I read this one day and it struck a chord with me. My life is fairly insignificant. I'm not famous. I'm not important. I'm basically a nobody in the world's eyes. But I can make a difference to my circle of influence.

These are questions that I ask myself on a regular basis, even if it means that it's only my family of which I'm asking.

Did I offer peace to my friends and family today? Did I bring a smile to my husband or children?

Did I speak words of healing to my church family? Did I live a life of peace and contentment or am I full of anger and resentment?

Did I forgive those who hurt me?

Did I love unconditionally or did I expect something in return? And the ultimate questions, Am I showing Christ to those I meet? Am I bearing fruit?

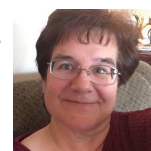
I'd love to say that the answer all of the time is "yes." More often, than not, I fail. I stumble and fall or just willfully refuse to do this. But when I think of all that the Lord has done for me, how can I not want to become more like Him in my relationships?

I'm a work in progress, as are you. My desire is to keep moving forward and bear fruit that lasts. I want to reflect His image to those around me. That will only happen as I continually stay in tune to the Holy Spirit's voice in my life, and as I continue to reflect on these questions.

I want to offer more of myself for God's use.

Serving Him with You,

Terri



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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the **brokenhearted**, to proclaim freedom for the **captives** and release from darkness for the **prisoners** (Isaiah 61:1).

Let's fill the pitcher to overflowing!



The 2017-2018 National Project Covers 4 Key Ministries

**At Risk Girls ~ West Africa ~ Pregnant Teens ~ Ecuador;
Human Trafficking Survivors - Cambodia; Female Prisoners - Philippines**

**National Goal - \$250,000
NED District Goal - \$16,000**

Total-to-date: \$7,400.80

Ouagadougou Guest House goal for 2017-2018—\$1,400.00

Year to Date received—\$ 1,266.62

Spring Refresh

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

April 27-28, 2018

Holiday Inn, Auburn



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 Barrera
Author, "Reckless
Design: WildSurrender"
More Victory



International Worker Speakers



Sue Stern



Wendy (East Asia)

Online registration is available at EventBrite.com/Spring Refresh 2018, as well as mail in forms.

Worship Leaders




Scott & Lori Suckling

Teen Leader


Jessica Sears
"Do You Have
Room for More?"




2018 Spring Refresh Women's Conference
Earlybird deadline coming up, April 6. Hotel reservation deadline April 16.
Final registration deadline April 16 — Meet our speakers and participants!




Keynote Speaker: Heather Smith 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.



Friday Afternoon Converge Session #1: Lisa Vogan is the licensed Disciplemaking Specialist for the Northeastern District, specializing in Children's ministry, Lisa spends her time coaching, consulting, equipping, speaking and facilitating leadership growth across the District and the United States. She serves small alliance kids as a Regional Connector for the Northeastern District and as a Coach for the Children's Disciplemaking Leadership Certificate Course (CDLC). Lisa is a certified Administrator and Trainer for Plan to Protect™. With a Bachelor's degree from Houghton College, completing Consecration in the C&MA in 2006, and over 30 years of ministry experience within discipleship and leadership contexts, Lisa resides in Buffalo, NY with her husband.




Friday Afternoon Converge Session #2: Katie Wells Barrera grew up in LaFayette Alliance Church and went to college at the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, MN. She was an International Worker with South America Mission In Bolivia for 8 years. She lives in Houston with her husband and they minister in Iglesia Bautista Del Redentor. They also have a community center through Urban Outreach INC and she works as a counselor at Lantrip Elementary School with The organization Communities In Schools. Katie is the author of Reckless Design: Wild Surrender. She and her husband have two children, a prairie dog and a bulldog.



International worker, Sue Stern, felt God calling her overseas in 1973 and took classes at Houghton and Nyack College, as well as Alliance Theological Seminary. She has served in Argentina since 1980. She met her husband Bob there in 1982 and they worked with The Alliance as church planters until the field closed in 2010. They continued to serve in the city of Buenos Aires from 2013-2017 with International Teams. They now attend CrossTown Alliance in Wells-ville, where Sue grew up and are looking forward to what their next chapter will be!



International Worker, Wendy has been serving in East Asia for the past 5 years. She and her family live and work on a University campus, teaching English and sharing His hope with students. She, her husband, and their 3 amazing kiddos (ages 11, 8 & 4) are enjoying their first furlough, soaking up the blue skies and eating too much ice cream!



Saturday AM Teen Breakout: Jessica Sears is the Northeastern District GCW Church Planter's Kid (CPK) chair, the Children's Ministry Director at the Alliance Church of Cheektowaga, and serves on the District Disciplemaking Team. Jessica lives in Springville, NY and works as a nanny. She is looking forward to spending time with the teens at Spring Refresh!



Worship: Spring Refresh Worship Leaders are Scott & Lori Suckling. Lori and Scott Suckling received their undergrad degrees in music from Nyack College and currently live in Cornwall on Hudson, NY where they work as graphic designers. They have two college-age children: Matthew (Eastman School of Music) and Kayleigh (Full Sail University). The Northeastern district is very special to both of them. Lori grew up attending the Horseheads Alliance Church and both she and Scott enjoy spending time at their cottage at Delta Lake.

April 27-28 — Join us for spiritual "refresh"ment!
Auburn Holiday Inn—details on www.gcwned.org, click on "Spring Refresh"

Registration packets have been mailed to the local directors and/or pastor's wives.
Registration is also available online at EventBrite.com/Spring Refresh 2018