

**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 Wellsville, 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](http://www.gcwned.org), click on "Spring Refresh"**