

**2019 Spring Refresh Women's Conference—April 26-27, 2019**  
**Meet our speakers and participants!**



**Keynote Speaker: Joy Trachsel**

In March of 2010 Joy's life became unrecognizable. On a journey that only God could orchestrate, she found herself working in a homeless shelter for women and children. In 2016, Joy's passion for women in crisis and the Gospel took her on a new adventure. Joy currently serves women at Pregnancy Solutions, a crisis pregnancy center in Akron, Ohio. As Client Services Coordinator, she walks with women through their pregnancy decision. By God's grace she has an opportunity to be a voice for the unborn. She has been speaking to women for over 15 years both nationally and internationally. Joy can be heard on Moody Radio – Cleveland (WCRF) as part of the Pause For Prayer Team. She is the author of *The Great Cover Up* and hosts the *Running In Flats* Podcast. Joy is married to Wally and is the proud mom of Ashley, Ally, Austin and Alex and Grandma Jo Jo to Emma, Addie and Titus. You can get to know Joy better by visiting her blog at [www.joytrachsel.com](http://www.joytrachsel.com).



**Friday Afternoon Converge Session #1: Amy Nehlsen**

Amy loves the Lord Jesus Christ and is passionate about knowing God, the Word of God and sharing His Love with those around her. Amy and her husband Steve along with their 3 children (Abby, Kari, and Peter) lived in West Africa for just over 20 years. Amy and Steve have served as International Workers with The Christian and Missionary Alliance in West Africa since 1990. Coming to work at Nyack College in 2012 was not a transition that they had anticipated but a time that was very meaningful as teachers and mentors. During this time they enjoyed trips back to Burkina Faso in the summer where they are still active Board Members of Dorcas House-Burkina Faso. They are also involved in Biblical training in French and the African language of Jula.

A background in Childhood Education has provided the venue to teach in both public and Christian US Elementary Schools as well as American International Schools in Africa. Teaching illiterate adults to read and empowering young teachers are two areas of passion that have been developing in Amy in more recent years. Her Master's Degree in Education: Globalization and Educational Change from Lehigh University has developed in her a desire to empower emerging leaders to be globally-minded professionals. She also has enjoyed traveling and leading weekend retreats for women to encourage them to dig into the Word of God and to see the transforming power it has, by God's grace, on their lives.



**Friday Afternoon Converge Session #2: Judith Button**

Judy is the daughter of missionaries, Ed and Ruth Thompson and the sister of Dr. David Thompson, MD. She raised three girls, worked for the government for 33 years in retail, and thrived as a servant of God in His kingdom. When she retired, she moved 5 years ago to share a home and expenses with her sister, Laurel Watkins in Lockport, NY. Many circumstances, both good and terrible, contributed to her survival as a seed, a planting of the Lord. Judy is a member of Lockport Alliance Church and a speaker for Stonecroft Ministries.



**Teen Activity and Breakout Session Leader: Hannah Gies**

Hannah is an online student at Toccoa Falls College, studying Youth Ministry with a minor in Counseling. She has been leading the youth group at Valley Alliance Church for 5 years and loves it. She has a passion for youth and helping them meet Jesus in a life-changing way. She is excited to have the opportunity to hang out with some of the youth in our Alliance Family at Spring Refresh. When she's not studying or working, she enjoys cooking, being with people, and making some good coffee.



**Worship Leader: Lisa Vogan**

Anchored in a deep desire to communicate the Gospel, Lisa has been involved in music ministry and leading worship with her husband since 1982 in various capacities, most recently at Amherst Alliance church. She believes that God speaks powerfully through music and counts it a privilege to lead others to the throne of grace through dynamic worship. Lisa is also the licensed Disciplemaking Specialist for the Northeastern District.

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