

Great Commission Women

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Dear Northeastern District Women Ministry Directors/Coordinators:

Happy New Year! I trust you all had a wonderful holiday season. I'm looking forward to the Spring Refresh 2019 Women's Conference, "Planted for His Splendor," on April 26-27, 2019. It will be here before you know it. The planning committee is looking forward to having the women and teens of our district get together for encouragement and fellowship at the Auburn Holiday Inn. The Holiday Inn's renovations are complete, and it looks beautiful!

Our keynote speaker this year is author and speaker, Joy Trachsel. Joy is the Client Services Coordinator for Pregnancy Solutions, a pregnancy crisis center in Akron, OH. She has a heart for women in crisis and is looking forward to coming and sharing with you. Joy has a blog at www.joytrachsel.com.

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. Our first speaker is former International Worker and pastor's wife, Amy Nehlsen. Our second speaker is Judith Button, daughter of late missionaries, Ed and Ruth Thompson, who were martyred in Vietnam. Both will be sharing about how God has used the occurrences in their lives and planted them for His glory. There will be plenty of time to check in your hotel room following the Converge sessions.

We will also hear from some of our International Workers via video. On Friday the teens will have an activity time with Hannah Gies at the Atrium pool following the evening session. The teen Saturday morning breakout session will be with Hannah from 8:15 to 9:30. She has a great time planned for the teens.

As always, there will be vendors with books, Bosnian Handcrafts and other gifts available, so the ladies can shop during their free time. This year the shopping will take place around the Atrium (pool area).

In this packet is a poster 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. We are also offering online registration for a small fee. You can register at EventBrite.com and find the event, Spring Refresh 2019.

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 8**. 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. After April 8th the registration will be \$10 more. **The FINAL deadline for making your hotel reservation AND registration is April 15**. PLEASE note, no registrations will be accepted after this date.

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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