

2021 Spring Refresh Women's Conference Meet our speakers and participants!

Keynote Speaker: Marilyn Lauffer



David and Marilyn Lauffer serve as the southwest regional leadership couple of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA). Marilyn is a licensed Ministry Coach with the C&MA and mentors women in the deeper life and women going through the consecration process.

Previously the Lauffers ministered with the Alliance as church planters in Pennsylvania and Michigan ('83-'86 and '04-'07), International Workers to Israel ('88-'03), and denominational leaders at the National Office, where Marilyn served as the Director of Donor Engagement and David served as the Assistant Vice-President of International Ministries ('07-'18).

IW Speaker, Renee Valach



Renée grew up in Victor, in the Finger Lakes region of upstate NY. Her grandmother took her to Sunday School as a preschooler. As a child in summer camp Renée made a decision to follow Jesus, and later as teenager in camp she felt called to missions. She attended Cornell University and Penn State College of Medicine before going to Bongolo Hospital where she has been for 11 years, and is now the Medical Director and Director of both the HIV and Tuberculosis Treatment programs. Her favorite patients are the children with HIV, because when they are well, they smile and bounce .

National Director, Jen Vogel



Jen accepted Christ at the age of 9 and attended Iowa State University, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education. In 1986, Jen married her best friend and high-school sweetheart, Doug Vogel. They raised two boys, Adam and David, and have served in ministry together as lay volunteers. Currently, Jen and Doug are involved in the mid-week children's ministry at Dover Church in Orange City, Iowa. Jen has served in a variety of leadership positions with Stonecroft Ministries, Alliance Women Ministries, and Moms in Prayer International. Presently, she is the national director of Alliance Women of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and serves on The President's Cabinet at the National Office of The Alliance.

District Director, Terri Groh



Terri serves as Northeastern Alliance Women's Director. She is also the Disciplemaking Ministries Director at Jamestown C&MA Church and has been in full-time ministry, serving alongside her husband, Dan, for the past 30 years. Terri holds a BA in Psychology from Nyack College and a Master's of Professional Studies from Alliance Theological Seminary. She is consecrated with the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Terri is an author and has written four women's devotional books.