

## HIS MASTERPIECE

July 2025

### His Masterpiece: Jars of Clay by Terri Groh, District Alliance Women's Director

I love the theme that the national Alliance Women's team came up with for the next two years - His Masterpiece. This year we will be diving into being "*jars of clay*." The theme verse is Isaiah 64:8 which says, "Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands."

As we allow the Lord to work in our lives and shape us into women He can use, He is glorified. That takes us being willing to be pliant in His hands. This is the theme of our upcoming Fall Refocus retreat and I look forward to digging into this topic.

I am excited to announce that Alliance Women is offering a monthly devotional that you can use either individually or in a group setting. It starts with a question, then the devotional, followed by 3-4 group questions and a closing prayer. There are writers from the U.S. Alliance Women, as well as a couple from Alliance World Fellowship Women's Ministries. I will include them individually in each month's newsletter or you (continued on page 2)



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can print out the booklet which is found under resources on the National Alliance Women's website.

The exciting thing about these devotionals is that they have been translated into Spanish and French and will soon be translated into Hmong and Japanese. They will be used by Alliance World Fellowship for their women's ministry. If you would like the Spanish or French translation for the introduction and the first month, I have those and can make them available to you. Just send me an email at [terrigroh@yahoo.com](mailto:terrigroh@yahoo.com).

God is on the move through Alliance Women and I'm excited to be a part of that and I hope you are too!



## **2024-2025 Rise Up National Project**

**District goal of \$12,000 - MET  
We raised \$20,940.30!**

**Great job, women of the  
Northeastern District!**

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## Pompidou Guest House Libreville, Gabon



Our district Alliance Women continue to have the Pompidou Guest House in Libreville, Gabon, Africa as our district overseas project.



Our district Alliance Women leadership team voted to raise \$1,500 in 2024-2025 for repairs and updates to the home including the room pictured here.

We met our goal and raised \$1,571 and the guest house was able to put in new flooring and updates to the room. Thank you Alliance Women!

## EMPOWER REGISTRATION OPEN



Registration for the 2025-2026 Empower program is now open.

You can register using this link

<https://empowerworldwide.churchcenter.com/.../events/2779479>

Registration Deadline: August 10, 2025



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**Every woman has a place.**

*God has given each woman a unique leadership gifting, whether in the home or in the workplace.*

*Empower is designed to help every woman find her place in the kingdom.*







# Alliance Women **SUMMER RENEW**

ALL ARE WELCOME



**Date:**  
Sunday, 29 June 2025



**Time:**  
3:00 p.m.



**Location:**  
Delta Lake Bible  
Conference Center  
Main Tabernacle

Admission  
**FREE**

## Worship

New Alliance Women Theme  
Short-Term Missions: Is it for you?  
Ways to Connect to Your Community  
Mercy Market Items Available for Sale



# Alliance Women Fall Refocus Retreat

## His Masterpiece: Jars of Clay

Join us for a transformative weekend experience as we gather to grow and support each other.

**Friday & Saturday  
Speaker:  
Megan Owens**



Megan Owens is a children's pastor in Rochester, NY. She and her husband, Levi, have served in ministry for over a decade in worship, youth, church planting, and discipleship ministries. Megan completed the Alliance School of Ministry in 2023. She is passionate about helping people find freedom in God's presence through spiritual disciplines. Megan and Levi enjoy being outdoors with their daughter, Selah.

Delta Lake Bible  
Conference Center  
Rome, NY

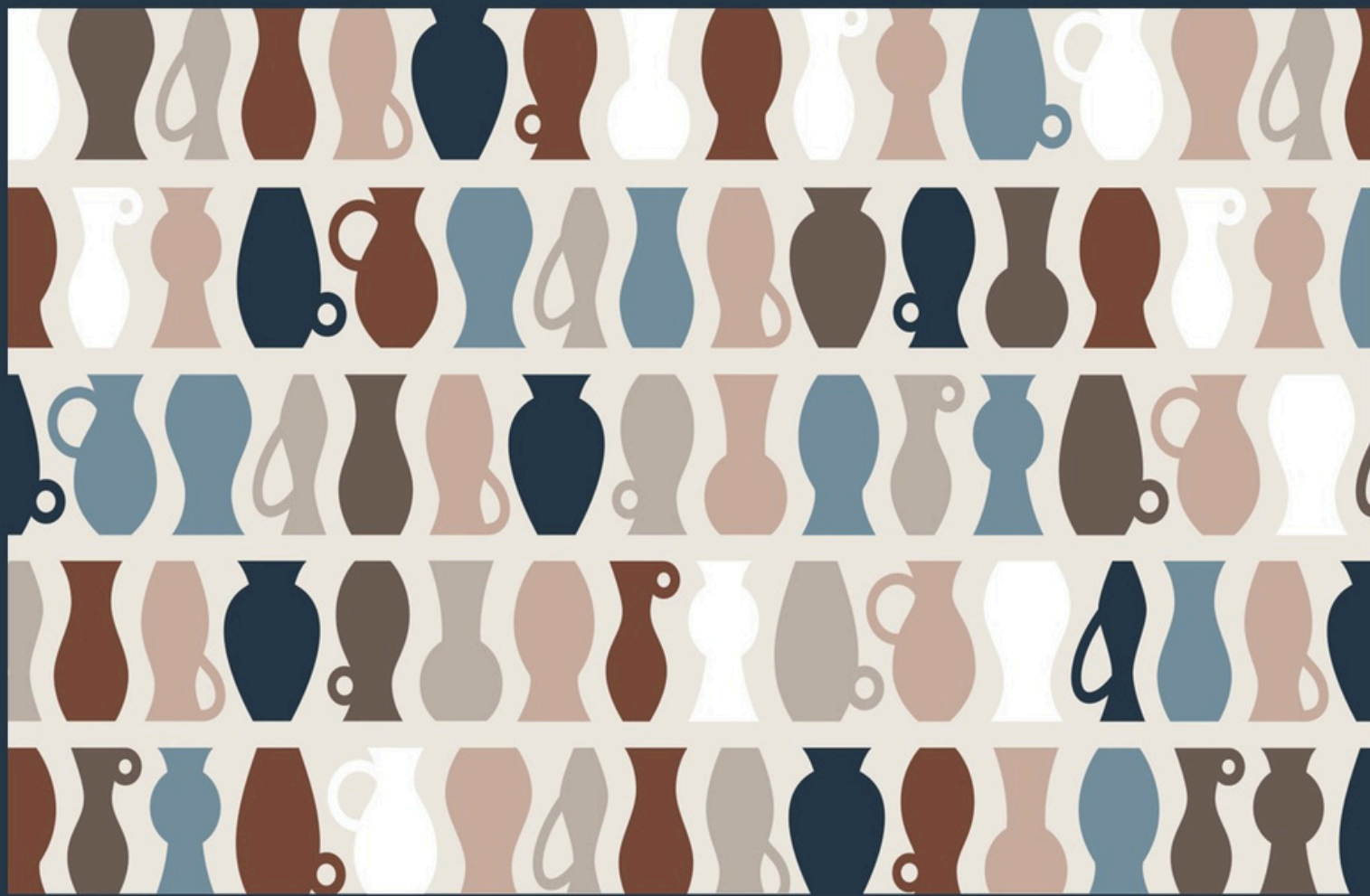
Friday - Sunday  
September 26-28, 2025

Friday-Saturday or  
Friday-Sunday options  
will be available.

Worship  
Teaching  
Prayer Stations  
Free Time  
Fun Activities  
Fellowship  
Encouragement

**Registration  
Materials  
coming in July**





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**ALLIANCEWOMEN**

*Devotional*

Introduction & July, 2025

## His Masterpiece: Jars of Clay

The U.S. national Alliance Women leadership team has come up with a new theme—*His Masterpiece: Jars of Clay*—for the 2025–2026 year. One of the tools we wanted to put into your hands to use with women in the local church is monthly devotionals to go along with this theme. These devotionals can be used individually or with a group.

Each devotional starts with an opening question for discussion, followed by the devotional. At the end of each devotional, you will find two to three discussion questions that can be used with the group, with the hope is that it will trigger further discussion. We have also added a closing prayer.

Our desire is that you and the women in your church would be blessed and encouraged to draw close to the Lord as you work through these devotionals. God has chosen to work through His people who are often sinful, weak, and imperfect clay pots. However, when we step aside and allow Him to work through us, we point others to His glory and draw people to Him.

We hope these devotionals will be helpful to you as you go through them. May we all shine His light through our cracks!



# A Sculptured Life

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by Terri Groh



*Do you ever feel like you don't measure up to the standard that God has for you and that He cannot use you?*

I have a vision for my life and how it will look. In my mental picture, I have a wonderful life—one in which I am serving the Lord, being a wonderful wife and mother, a loving friend, and an on-fire ministry leader. Sure, I mess up now and then, but overall, my life looks pretty good and much like a beautiful sculpture.

However, my reality often seems far different than the picture in my head. I am short with my husband. My adult children have walked away from the faith and that causes me a great deal of anxiousness. I get tired of being “on call” for ministry. I sometimes have a bad attitude and very little in my life is picture-perfect. In fact, I often wonder how God can use such a flawed person to do anything in His Kingdom. It leaves me feeling a bit deflated.

The prophet Isaiah laments about this same thing in Isaiah 64. In fact, he reminds God of how sinful the Israelites actually can be. In verse six, he says that even their righteous acts are like filthy menstrual cloths, despicable and disgusting in the Lord's eyes. They don't measure up to the holiness of God.

But then he goes on to remind the Lord of the depth of their relationship with Him:

*“Yet Lord, You are our Father;  
we are the clay, and You are our potter;  
we all are the work of Your hands.”  
—Isaiah 64:8, HCSB*

He calls God “Father” and tells Him that they are like pieces of clay in a potter's hands. He implores the Lord to look with compassion on His people and remember His love for them.

Your life is a sculpture that is being shaped by the Lord. He is working with a piece of clay that is sometimes difficult and misshapen. At other times, it is cracked and dry. And yet, God never gives up on it. He lovingly and painstakingly molds you into a woman that can be used by Him, despite your flaws and frailties. God can create something beautiful even from imperfections and can transform individuals according to His will.



My life is not perfect, nor is yours. Yet, when we allow Him to do so, the Lord molds us and sculpts us into a beautiful jar of clay that can be useful. We will fulfill our highest purpose when we allow the Potter to have His way with us.

### **Discussion Questions:**

How have you seen God working in you despite your imperfections?

Do you tend to make excuses for your imperfections, or do you view your sin or frailty as God does? How do you view the imperfections of others?

What needs to happen for you to become pliable clay in the Potter's hands?

### **Closing Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, we come before You with our imperfect, sinful, and flawed life. Please help us to be pliable clay in Your hands. Mold us and conform us into Your image. Work in us to soften those areas that need softening and to turn our life into a beautiful clay jar that can be used by You to further Your Kingdom. Amen.*

### **Author Bio**



Terri Groh serves as the Northeastern Alliance Women's director, as well as on the national Alliance Women leadership team and the Alliance World Fellowship women's ministry leadership team. She is a graduate of Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary and is consecrated and ordained with The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Terri is an author who has written six books. Her website is [www.encouragingdeeproots.com](http://www.encouragingdeeproots.com).

# Save the Date

## NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT ALLIANCE MISSIONS SUMMIT

SYRACUSE ALLIANCE CHURCH – OCTOBER 18, 2025

Join us for a powerful day of inspiration, collaboration, and mobilization.

At the *NED Alliance Missions Summit*, we'll gather pastors, missions' leaders, church members, and Alliance family from across our district to focus on what it means to *cultivate a sending culture*. Through compelling sessions, real stories, and practical tools, you'll be challenged and equipped to join God's mission – locally and globally.

What can you expect at the NED Alliance Missions Summit 2025?

- ♦ **Why develop a sending culture?** Discover the biblical foundation for sending workers and be inspired by The Alliance's rich legacy of gospel impact – locally and globally.
- ♦ **How do we create a sending culture?** Explore actionable strategies to help your church nurture environments where people of all ages can hear, discern, and respond to God's call locally and globally.
- ♦ **What now?** Engage in collaborative conversations with national office leaders, district leaders, and fellow church leaders as we dream, plan, and strategize together to reach our neighborhoods and the nations.

Mark your calendars now – and stay tuned  
for registration and speaker details!



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