

# *Northeastern District* ALLIANCEWOMEN

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## It's a Matter of Perspective

By Terri Groh, District Director

**Ephesians 4:10-13~**

"I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

**I can do all things through him who gives me strength."**

*"If I get this new job, then I'll be happy." "When my husband starts trying harder our marriage will be good." "If we move to a bigger home, then things will be great. If we only have a ladies Bible study, men's breakfast, youth group, etc., then church will be wonderful."*

We find all kinds of ways to be discontent, don't we? We gripe and complain our way through most of our days, and to be honest, most of our lives. We look at everything and everyone else to blame for our lack of contentment. I fall into that trap at times and I'm pretty sure you do it also.

How does one have contentment no matter the circumstances? Look at the life of Paul - imprisonment, beatings, shipwrecks, and suspicion of fellow believers, hatred of enemies, hunger and thirst. Yet he can boldly state that he is content. Paul found the secret that we all need!

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## SET FREE

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## Breakout Session Speakers



**Denise Wolters**  
Crown Alliance Church

**Samantha Whelsky**  
Fulton Alliance Church



**Tracy Murphy**  
Northeastern District  
Office

**Jessica Sears**  
Crosstown Arcade



**Teen Activity**

# Fall Refocus

**September 27-28, 2019**  
**Delta Lake Bible Conference Center**

**Spiritual Encouragement**  
**Missions**  
**Worship**  
**Gift & Book store with Bosnian**  
**Handcraft Items**  
**Fellowship**

**Elvie Barner**  
IW Speaker



**Christian & Missionary**  
**Alliance of the Philippines**  
**(CAMACOP)**



**Lori Suckling**  
Worship Leader



**"K"**  
Creative Access Country

## Set Free for Kingdom Impact

Registration Materials have been emailed to pastor's wives and/or women's ministry leaders  
Online registration is available for a small fee at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-refocus-2019-tickets-64698621318?aff=ebdssbeac>

**Fall Refocus on Missions**  
**September 27-28, 2019**  
**Delta Lake Bible & Conference Center**



The Lord opened a door for full time ministry for Tracy Murphy in 2009 at the C&MA Northeastern District Office as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. She and her husband Tom were saved, married, and raised their two children in a rural C&MA church where Tracy served in many different ministry roles throughout her adult life. Recently she graduated from Empower, a certificate program for equipping women in ministry through the Metro District and Alliance Theological Seminary. She has since become a site coordinator for Empower in Rome, New York. Tracy's desire is to live in obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading and help others advance on their spiritual journey.



Samantha Whelsky attends Fulton Alliance Church where she leads with her husband the youth and young adult ministries. She graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Religious Studies. She is passionate about helping others connect and develop a relationship with Christ by sharing her story.



Denise Wolters loves her role as a Pastor's wife and Operations Director at Crown Alliance Church in Cortland. She and her husband, Greg (Pastor G), have been at Crown for 3 years and feel blessed that the Lord is using them to build His Kingdom. She loves the Lord and has a passion to reach overlooked people groups in the community.



Elvie Barner is a member of the National Board of Trustees for The Christian & Missionary Alliance of the Philippines (CAMACOP) and is married to Paul Barner. They serve as International Workers in Davao City. They are currently in the US and attend Pineview Alliance/ Albany as missionary-in-residence. Elvie is principal of Barner Christian Academy. They have two children, PJ and Abigail.



Lori Suckling received her undergrad degree in music from Nyack College and currently lives in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY where she works as a graphic designer. The Northeastern district is very special to Lori. She grew up attending the Horseheads Alliance Church and both she and her husband, Scott, enjoy spending time at their cottage at Delta Lake.



Jessica Sears is the Northeastern District GCW Church Planter's Kid (CPK) chair and serves on the District Disciplemaking Team. Jessica lives in Springville, NY, attends Crosstown Arcade and works as a nanny.

**Early Bird Deadline—September 13, 2019; Final Deadline—September 20, 2019**  
**Online Registration also available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-refocus-2019-tickets-64698621318>**

## Ouagadougou Guest Home Project 2019-2020 Project

**A new stove—\$500; 10 stand fans—\$500; Pots and pans and utensils**

Goal for 2019-2020 —\$1,500.00

Total Amount to Date — \$150.00

### *Connecting Women for Kingdom Impact*

Do you know a woman in your church who is making a difference? Someone who is reaching out and shining the light of Jesus in both big and small ways? If so, we would love to highlight her on our Facebook page.

Send her photo to [terrigroh@yahoo.com](mailto:terrigroh@yahoo.com) along with how she is making a kingdom impact. We are highlighting a few of these ladies each week.

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The thing that leads to contentment is the belief that I can do anything through Christ. *He* is my strength. If I do it in my own strength, I will fail. If I do it to please someone else, I will fail. If I do it through Christ, I will succeed! That means I can face illness or financial hardship. I can deal with an unbelieving spouse or children. I can handle living in a small, cramped house or trailer. I can deal with a small crowd at church or a large one.

Contentment is achieved by taking my eyes off the circumstances and putting them on Christ. If I find myself complaining constantly or being negative, all that means is that I've shifted focus. My eyes are back on the perceived problem and not on the Lord. I need to stop trying to play God and allow God to do the work.

As you seek to grow in Christ, and to become more like Him, spend time daily in His word and prayer. Begin to focus on Him so that contentment takes over. Remember that you can do or face anything as long as you keep your eyes on Him and face the day with *His* strength.

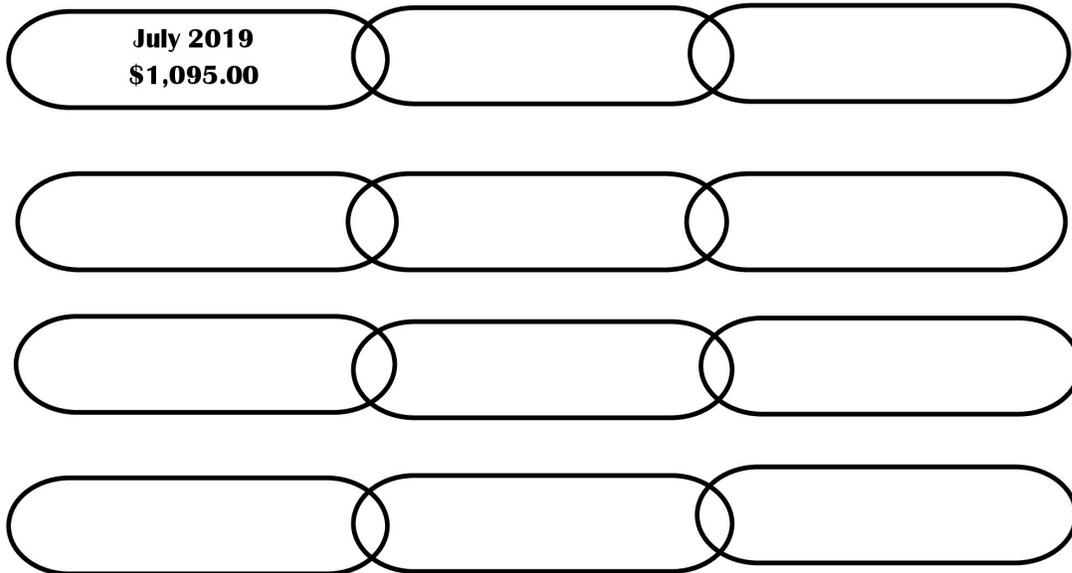
It's all a matter of perspective.



**National Goal—\$250,000**  
**Northeastern District Goal—\$16,000**

**Year-to-date Amount— \$1,095.00**

**Help break their chains so they can be SET FREE!**



**2019-2020 National Project**

**Bosnia-Herzegovina**

Roma people and women coming out of prison to be set free from heroin adiction

**Cambodia**

Help and a home for those seeking to be set free from drug and alcohol addiction

**Paraguay**

Reaching youth through camp ministry to be set free to follow Jesus

**Uruguay**

Encounter retreats for well-educated women in a spiritually-resistant culture to be set free from emptiness

# Women in Ministry

## You are invited!



Strengthening Your Leadership Voice

## Servant Leadership

PRESENTED BY: TERRI GROH, DIRECTOR  
NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT ALLIANCE WOMEN

Please join us online to discuss the topic of  
**Servant Leadership**

Webinar on Wednesday, August 21st at 2:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/2909797605>