

Participant Bios



As a licensed Disciplemaking Specialist for the Northeastern District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, specializing in Children's ministry, Lisa spends her time coaching, consulting, equipping, speaking and facilitating leadership growth across the District and the United States.

Under the leadership of Melissa J. MacDonald, she has served as a Regional Connector for the National Children's Ministry Team of the C & M A and a Coach for the Children's Disciplemaking Leadership Certificate Course(CDLC). Lisa is certified as a National Trainer for Plan to Protect™.

With over 30 years of ministry experience within discipleship and leadership contexts, Lisa's greatest passion is to encourage, equip and empower ministry volunteers and leaders--strengthening the impact in our world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



International Worker, Krista — Kirista and her husband, Keith are currently serving with Envision in West Africa. They are in the process of developing an Envision site and discipling Envision interns. They also host visiting tems and partner with other Alliance Missions (AM) structures like CAMA, Marketplace Ministries, and aXcess

Krista and Keith have taught English in an English Center in a Creative Access Country and taught a class on healing after trauma to young African women based on the Bible.

She is discipling 3 young women interns and seeing how God is leading in their lives,



Carla Ratzlaff—Worship Leader —Carla is a pastor's wife, and a mother of three adult children and almost 2 in-law kids. She and her husband, Verlynn, have been in full-time pastoral ministry for 30 years. For the majority of that time, she has been involved in church music and worship ministry. Currently she lives in Oswego and serves at Oswego Alliance Church. She is a full-time seminary student focusing on worship studies.

Carla is passionate about spiritual practices that shape the way we respond to God and that form us as disciples and participants in Christ's ongoing work to bring about his Kingdom.

She loves early mornings, sipping coffee and taking pictures but especially the rare opportunity when I can do all three at the same time!