



# NED Alliance Women

## belong

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### Connected

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Spring Refresh is right around the corner and the materials have been sent to your church, they are on our website and I post about it regularly on the NED Alliance Women Facebook page. I'm looking forward to this wonderful event at Auburn Alliance Church when women from around our district gather together for fellowship, worship, encouragement, inspiration and to also hear about what God is doing around the world.

It's a wonderful time of connecting with one another, whether that be in your own group or with the broader group of women that are there. In fact, *Connected* is the theme of the weekend. Our keynote speaker, Wanda Walborn, will be sharing a message on this over three sessions.

I love being able to connect with other women and I know many of you do too. But when we talk about what connection really means from a biblical standpoint, we really cannot be connected well with others without first being connected to Christ. If we are not connected to the vine then we are going to struggle in all our other relationships. If we don't stay plugged into our relationship with the Lord then we will find it difficult to respond well when our human connections don't go the way we anticipate.

That is the main message of April 21-22 in Auburn—we first need to connect with God before we can be healthily connected to others. I'm looking forward to the message we will hear through all of our speakers.

I hope you will join me there. Please be in prayer that God will speak to women as they decide whether to attend. Pray for our planning committee that we will keep our hearts aligned with God's as we prepare for this event. And pray that we would seek the connection to the Lord together.

Serving Him with You,

Terri

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## **Did you know?**



The District Missions Committee offers four \$250 scholarships to anyone 13 years or older interested in doing a short-term mission's trip to an international C&MA field or with a C&MA International Worker. This is a first come first serve opportunity.

If you are interested contact the Terri Groh at [terrighroh@yahoo.com](mailto:terrighroh@yahoo.com) for an application and guidelines

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Each of the following projects communicate to women that “there is still room” for them in God’s kingdom. We encourage your daily prayers and a one-time gift to one or more of these projects.

- **Mexico Monday** - Pray for the **Circle of Hope** in Guadalajara and its jewelry and sewing workshops. Our goal: \$16,600
- **Textiles Tuesday** - Pray for the **CAMA Craft** ministry in Laos as they recruit and train new artisans. Our goal: \$17,000
- **West Africa Wednesday** - Pray for the **Hands of Honor** ministry and the program expansion into another country. Our goal: \$25,000
- **Hope House Thursday** - Pray for the **maternity home** in Eastern Europe. Our goal: \$20,000
- **Refugee Friday** - Pray for the **RAIN Alliance** in Columbus, Ohio, as it reaches out to Middle Eastern refugees. Our goal: \$26,500
- **Scholarship Saturday** - Pray for non-majority **next generation leaders** being trained through spiritual formation retreats. Our goal: \$25,000

For more project information and stories, please visit  
[www.alliancewomen.org/resources](http://www.alliancewomen.org/resources).

**Northeastern District Alliance Women**  
**2022-2023 National Project Goal: \$18,000.00**  
**Total Raised through October, 2022: \$ 6,658.50**

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# TEXTILES *Tuesday*

*Pray for the CAMA Craft ministry in Laos as they recruit and train new artisans.*

*by Ministry Partners in the Asia Pacific Region*

CAMACrafts began in the Hmong refugee camps in Thailand almost 40 years ago. It has since become a social enterprise that provides income to 250 village women, mostly from the Hmong ethnic group. Women use their traditional cultural skills to make handicrafts, earning an income to pay for essentials such as medical costs, school books and uniforms, and transportation. Women can work from their own homes in their free time, allowing them to remain the primary caregivers. We celebrate the opportunity for women to pass on traditional embroidery skills to the next generation.

CAMACrafts sells these handicrafts in local and foreign markets. We believe that as producers earn incomes through safe and dignified work while living at home, this allows them to stay in their home communities rather than seeking work in urban centers or in other Asian countries that put them at risk.

We recently discovered that two of our production office staff worked at a garment factory before coming to CAMACrafts. When asked what it was like, they said, "Well, we were a lot more tired." They have left the exhaustion of the sweatshop behind and are now working in a place where they have time to laugh with their friends, welcome visiting producers, and show their creativity. They have found a place where they feel they belong.

CAMACrafts would like to expand to include producers and designs from additional ethnic groups in remote areas. These groups are already experiencing improvement in health, hygiene, and education through community development efforts. Dozens have found freedom from drug addiction and now follow Christ. CAMACrafts would like to come alongside by providing a means of supplemental income to these villagers and giving them a way to link the new things they are learning to the rich heritage and traditions of the communities to which they belong.

A CAMA Services worker who works with these community development projects has agreed to introduce CAMACrafts staff to villagers. Several young women have been identified as potential producers. These young women have already been leading the way in community development and education—one was the first girl from her village to attend high school and is now studying at the national university.

Initially, CAMACrafts hopes to recruit and train women who can produce cross-stitch embroidered and



traditionally quilted pieces that can be sold to Western and Asian markets. In the second year, CAMACrafts would like to explore purchasing traditionally spun cotton thread and hand-woven cotton cloth from these women in addition to embroidered pieces. CAMACrafts will train producers in designs that are attractive to foreign markets and in techniques to improve embroidery skills.

Alliance Women is committed to prayer and financial support for the CAMACrafts ministry in the South Pacific region. We have set a goal to raise \$17,000 for the expansion of this vital ministry to women. To participate, please visit [www.alliancewomen.org/give](http://www.alliancewomen.org/give).



We are a ministry of the Alliance World Fellowship. We desire to see Alliance women actively involved and empowered as servant leaders in their local churches and communities around the world through the ministries of Leadership, Prayer and Missions, and Career Professionals. In addition, we desire to connect Alliance pastors' wives from around the world for mutual encouragement.

Like us on Facebook to get updates and upcoming events  
AWF Women's Ministries



### Pompidou Guest Home Needs

The Northeastern District Alliance Women is supporting in Libreville, Gabon, Africa. Libreville is an important city as this is where all team members entering and exiting the country travel to as a starting point. The Pompidou Guest House has many needs and we have decided to take this on as our district project.

### Pompidou Guest Home Needs & 2022-2023 Goal:

Paint & spruce up bedrooms (paint, linens and curtains) —  
\$1,600.00

Year-to-date giving (July -November) - \$780.00

# Hands-on Opportunity



For 51 years, Shell Point volunteers have gathered, sorted, clipped and placed untold numbers of canceled stamps into plastic bins.

Now this sounds like busy work and a way for a bunch of senior citizens to get out and socialize.

“You can’t believe the number of problems we’ve solved in here,” joked group leader Treva Crump.

They’ve also solved a big one when it comes to spreading God’s word.

By doing this simple yet laborious task, the Alliance Stamp Ministry passed the \$1 million mark in money raised for the publication of Sunday School material and sharing of God’s word on radio in Central and South America back in 2018. And it’s still going strong!

You can find out how to contribute to this ministry by clicking the link found below. There is a downloadable brochure, a video explaining the ministry and guidelines.



**Northeastern District Alliance Women  
Transmittal Form**

**Make checks payable to NED Alliance Women & mail to Treasurer:  
Jill Gregory, 1995 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church City: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fund Amount**

District Ministry Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

International Worker Ministry Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

National Project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pompidou Guest Home: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Alliance Women Cottage, The Lighthouse \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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Wanda Walborn has a background in education and is currently an Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation at Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary. She led the team that designed the Empower Program for women. As a church planter, she created curriculum for both children and women's ministries. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, Ron. They have 4 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Wanda is passionate about training, equipping and releasing strong leaders to advance the kingdom of God.

Worship

Global Moments

Meet our newest NED International Worker

Teen Breakout Session on Saturday morning

Shop Mercy Market Products, Coffee by Generous Roasting and other Vendors

All registration materials can be found on our website:

<https://nedalliancewomen.org/2023-spring-refresh>

**Conference begins Friday at 3 p.m. and ends Saturday at 3 p.m.**