

Northeastern District **ALLIANCEWOMEN**

District Newsletter, September 2020

A Different Kind of Refocus

By Terri Groh, District Director

Our District Executive Leadership Team is encouraging each church to host a women's event for Fall Refocus this September since we are not able to meet at Delta Lake due to covid restrictions.. There are many ways to do this creatively. You can either have a half day event, a one-day event, do it through zoom meetings, or a variety of other ways. There is no right or wrong way. Be creative!

The date I suggested was September 26th , but you can choose a date that fits better with your church calendar. I will provide videos and discussion group resources for you by Friday, September 18. This would be a wonderful time to have some worship with your own in-house musicians, provide a meal or refreshments or have the women bring their own, and invite other women to attend.

The theme for this event is Set Free: Live Free in Christ. Our theme verse this year is Colossians 2:6 that says, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him." We have set this year's National Project Northeastern District goal at \$16,000. Let's work to meet this goal! All money for this year's national project must be into our district treasurer, Jill Gregory, by June 15, 2021.

A couple of suggestions for your event. We have set a suggested donation in the amount of \$20 per person. The breakdown of this fee is as follows: \$15 for registration to go to the NED Alliance (continued on page 2)



SET FREE
live free

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Women to help cover our speaker costs and \$5 to your church for any expenses you incur.

I would also encourage you to take up an offering during this event. This offering will go to Mark & Kathy Eikost's work fund. This fund is used for them to do special projects such as the videos they put out, curriculum, assistance with their refugee program, etc. Any money that you collect for this offering, as well as the \$15 registration fee should be sent to our district treasurer, Jill Gregory. Please clearly mark what amount is for the offering, and what amount is for registrations.

Our desire is that you will be blessed during your time together and be challenged to connect with women in your congregation and community and work together to make a kingdom impact.

If you have any further questions or need assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact me at terrighroh@yahoo.com.



Ouagadougou Guest Home Goal—\$1,500

(Towards a new stove—\$500; 10 stand fans—\$500; Pots and pans and utensils.)

Year to date giving: \$ 70.00



National Project

NED Alliance Women 2020-2021 Goal—\$16,000

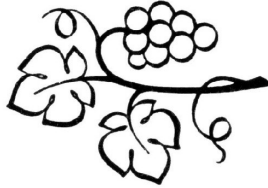
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July 2020

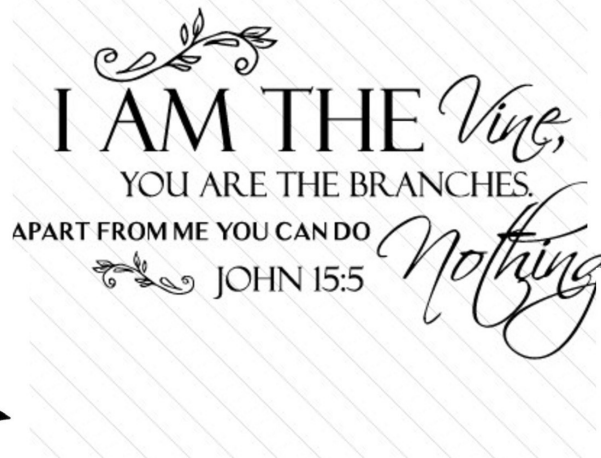


\$140.50

August 2020



\$ 620.53



**Alliance Women
Invites you to join us for a**

Virtual Fall Refocus

**September 26, 2020
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
\$20 per person**



Miki Reaume

One Day Event



SET FREE

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Bonnie Koonsman
“The Truth that Sets Us Free”

IW Speaker Videos



CAC IW, Doris



Kathy Eikost
Bosnia-Herzegovina



**Jen Vogel, National
Director**
“My Set Free Story”



Terri Groh, District Director
“Meeting Women in their
Time of Need”

Colossians 2:6 ~

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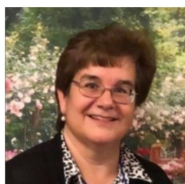
Virtual Fall Refocus on Missions Bios



Miki Reaume resides in Elmira, NY, where she is a Co-Founder, along with her husband, Tre Reaume, of Elmira Discipleship Ministries. She is also the Creative Arts and Social Media Director at City of Light Alliance Church, Elmira where her husband pastors. Miki has been a professional musical theatre performer and actress for 15 years, and has recently begun pursuing film acting. Miki has experienced anxiety since she was a young child and now speaks openly about her journey through social media and public speaking.



Bonnie Koonsman is a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ who is passionate about equipping the body of Christ to know their gifts and callings, reaching the lost, and helping women break free so they can know God's love fully and serve Him completely. She is a speaker, teacher, and mentor. She currently serves as the committee chair for the District Evangelism Committee, facilitates the "Share Jesus" workshop, and leads women's Bible studies at her church. Professionally, she has worked as a parenting coach and child and family therapist. She is also the wife of Aaron Koonsman (lead pastor of Community Alliance Church in Ballston Spa, NY) and mother to Anna (3) and Ezra (1.5). She hopes to share her heart and help you grow in your



Terri Groh 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.



Jen Vogel 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.



Doris felt God's call to missions as a graduate student and went with the Alliance to teach and disciple MKs at Dalat School (Penang, Malaysia). There, she met David who at the time was serving single in Cambodia with CAMA Services. David and Doris married in 1996 and served the marginalized for 16 years through Church Based Community Development in Cambodia. Then for the past 10 years they have served regionally -- consulting, equipping, and encouraging 20+ CAMA workers in 8 different Asian countries.



Kathy Eikost, and her husband, Mark are International Workers in Bosnia-Herzegovina. They have served overseas since 1998. Kathy and Mark are currently on tour this fall. Kathy studied economics at SUNY Albany and she has used her degree to start and organize the Bosnian Handcraft Project. Kathy also is a gifted musician.

Pray for our International Workers

Eikosts:

For September, our main request is going to be (of course) for our fall tour. Pray for each church as they weigh the risks of Covid against the benefits of being together. Pray that we will find creative ways to connect with smaller groups of people. Pray for protection as we travel from place to place, interacting with hundreds of people throughout the course of our tour.

Please pray for new personnel for our field. There is a possibility of one couple who may be ready to join us next summer as Mark and I return to the field. We are asking the Lord for three couples to join our team.

Zoggs:

Pray for our daughter, Rachel, as she returns to Binghamton University during this time of COVID turmoil.

Pray for our daughter, Krista, as we explore colleges for next year. That she will be able to get an athletic scholarship for swimming along with academic scholarships to attend the college that God wants her to attend. capital city, but they will be very expensive. We have been blocked from purchasing many of our normal medicines from our usual supplies and are hoping to be able to change this situation soon.

Spronks:

Hosanna leaves for boarding school on August 29. Pray for smooth travels, a good transition and good health.

We still are looking for the right renter for our house.

Pray for greater faith in these times of transitions and unknowns and peace in the chaos and wisdom for the decisions that need to be made.

Pray that we stay healthy

Pray that we stay connected to Jesus and not get distracted by everything that needs to be done before our departure September 24.

Thank you for praying for our District International Workers!

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