



THE ALLIANCE

2021 Spring Refresh

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Greetings Alliance Women of the Northeastern District!

It is cold and snowy, and the clouds cover the sky, but rest assured, spring is right around the corner! Before we know it the sun will be shining, things will be in bloom and warm temperatures will be here. Another thing that is right around the corner is Spring Refresh.

The District Leadership Team has made the decision to have a virtual Spring Refresh this year since the Holiday Inn where we normally hold it has restrictions in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic which are preventing us from being able to hold it there.

We are encouraging each church to host a one-day women's event on Saturday, April 24th. However, if a different date works for you, please feel free to schedule it around your church calendar. We will provide videos and discussion group resources for you and other information. **The videos and questions for discussion will be sent the week of April 12th.** This would be a wonderful time to have some worship with your own in-house musicians, provide a meal or refreshments or have the ladies bring their own, and invite other women to attend.

The theme for this event is "**Free to Walk in the Spirit.**" The keynote speaker is Merilyn Lauffer and she will be doing two 30-minute sessions with breakout questions. International Worker, Renee Valach, will be speaking as well. Renee is the Medical Director at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, Africa. Jen Vogel, our National Director, will be bringing a brief word of encouragement and I will be speaking on the three-pronged approach to women's ministry in the local church.

I am attaching a flyer for the event with the date, time, and cost blank so you can fill it in with your own information. You may set whatever registration fee you desire, but we do ask that you send a donation to Jill Gregory, our NED Alliance Women's district treasurer, to cover the costs of paying for our keynote speaker and the cost of putting this together.

We are encouraging you to take up an offering during this event which will go to Dr. Renee Valach and the Bongolo Hospital. Renee is starting a residency program for the doctor's at Bongolo. Most doctors in Africa including Gabon, don't benefit from residency programs like American Family physicians or Pediatricians. She is going to start with a one-year program. **Any money that you collect for this offering, as well as the the Alliance Women's donation, should be sent to our district treasurer, Jill Gregory at 1995 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Please clearly mark what amount is for the offering, and what amount is for Alliance Women.**

Our prayer is that this will be a wonderful time for your ladies to be challenged and connected to make a kingdom impact. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Serving Him with You,

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