2017 EC REGION Women's Ministries

Dear Women's Ministry Leader,

Overcoming the challenge of complacency requires intentional effort. As we work through the rhythms and occasional challenges of our women's ministry work, we can be tempted to begin to settle for "good enough" rather than God's best. God-sized expectations get whittled away by the pressure, stress, and schedules until we might find ourselves being satisfied with maintaining the process instead of seeking God for His dream and plan for our ministry. As Ephesians 3:20-21 challenges us, "He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is in work within us." What is God's vision for your women's ministry, one that goes far beyond what you might imagine in your own strength?

The East Central Region Women's Ministry exists to come alongside to assist you as you pursue God's dream-sized vision for building relationships that multiply disciples in your local ministry context. In support of your women's ministry efforts to lead women in becoming more like Jesus, the Regional Women's Ministry Team is available to assist in several ways:

OUTREACH EVENTS like "**Oasis**" Saturday, April 8th at Pleasant View Missionary Church with special guest Shannon Martin, vendors, and workshops.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING/SHARING EVENTS such as "**Leadership Coffees**" that will be scheduled throughout the year to provide opportunities for pastor's wives, ministry leaders, and team members to share vision, ministry ideas and encouragement;

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS such as the Women's Ministry gatherings at our summer camp meetings;

ANNUAL RETREAT at Hilton Garden Inn, October 13&14 with Robyn Dykstra, national speaker and author;

PRAYER FOCUS with the prayer calendar and special times at each event to focus on prayer.

PERSONALIZED OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT such as training events for your church, consultations, cluster involvement, and sharing as you request. *2017 Lifeway Women's Leadership Forum in Nashville TN– November 9-11. Let Donna K know you want to attend by April 1. We will pay the registration fee. http://www.lifeway.com/n/Product-Family/Women's-Leadership-Forum?type=events

Please read over the enclosed information about some of these opportunities, and don't hesitate to contact me or your Women's Committee Cluster Leader with any questions. We are here to help you—just let us know how we can come alongside!

> In Christ, Donna Kephart

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS AND DOWNLOAD FORMS AT: www.ecregion.org

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