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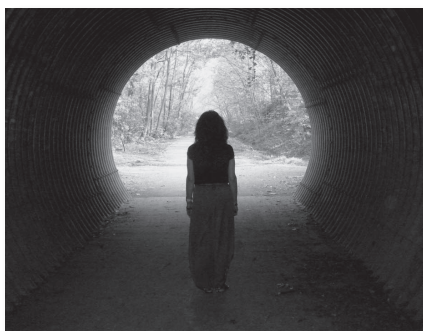


## SEEK God's Will

**DISCERNMENT GROUPS** journey with individuals through a tailor-made process of vocational discernment, consisting of sessions with designated Women of Wonder counselors, journaling, reflection and prayer.

WOW's discernment group is a platform where you will be equipped to discern God's voice for your life.

Discovering how you are part of God's story is exciting and frightening. Just the willingness to take the first step in the discernment process was scary. I knew in my head that there would be a light at the end of the tunnel, but the reality hit me when I was actually



facing the tunnel full of uncertainties, because each step in the dark required faith . . . I learned that courage is not a lack of fear, but it is taking action in the face of fear. —Carmen



May, DG coordinator & Dr. Sylvia, DG Counselor

Being involved with the discernment ministry keeps my spirit renewed as I watch each participant run the race set before them. It is inspiring for each participant when they look up at the stands and see members of their discernment group rooting for them. I praise and thank Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. —May



## STUDY God's Word

**CORE COURSES AND CONFERENCES** afford an opportunity to teach, learn, worship, eat, fellowship, pray and minister together. The curriculum covers women leaders in the Old Testament and Jesus and Paul's support for women's leadership in the church.

The Core Course was such a blessing to me. It was a time of sharing, learning, reflection and discovery of God's purpose and gifting for my life and vocation. The beauty of the Core Course is that the intention for community in Christ is always front and center, giving me the opportunity to know God in the company of amazing sisters (and brothers!) in the family of God. —Erika



Xian, CC participant

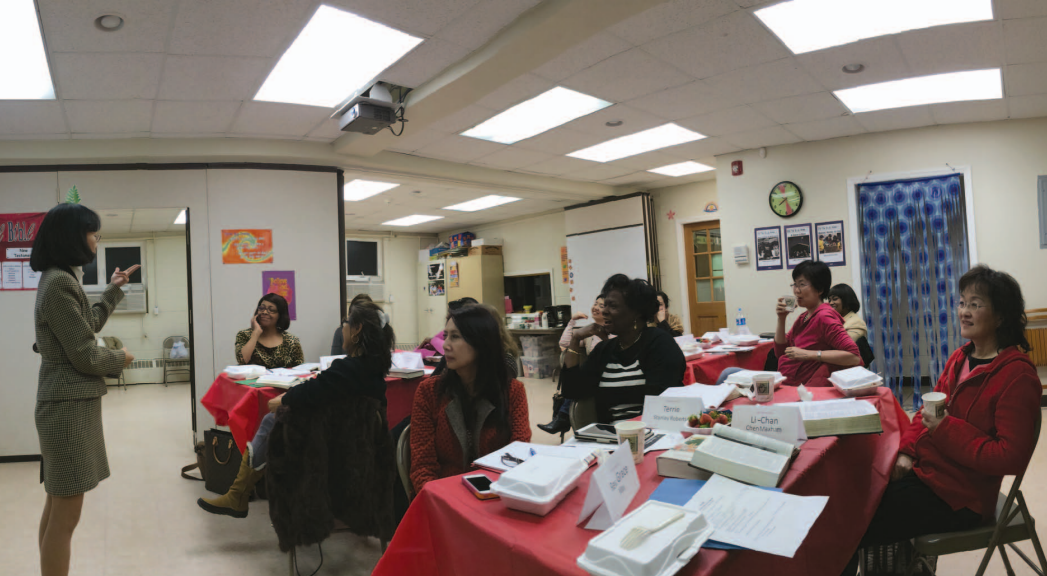


I've always considered women as a great source of spiritual growth in the church, but at times they are not given their due for all that they contribute to the vitality of the church. WOW! is just making it more evident! —Ted

Ted, CC participant

It's refreshing to learn more about the importance of women in the Bible since they're often overlooked. I'm glad to have attended WOW's course to learn more about women and also to connect with other sisters.

—Susan



CC Seminar @ OCM Grace Church, NJ

I am very thankful to the Lord for the opportunity of joining a group of sisters at OCM Grace Church to worship Him and to encourage one another through learning and knowing the significance of being a woman in God's eyes. I felt re-energized by this seminar, and I sensed a great joy and sisterhood. Thank you WOW! for preparing this feast for us with such enthusiasm, dedication and loving care! I look forward to the follow up course when we look at women in the New Testament and enjoy the fellowship with one another again! Praise the Lord for WOW! —*Li Chan*

Convinced that the biblical message of equality needs to be taught and caught by all ages, WOW! accepted an invitation by Kingdom Resources for Christ to lead their first young adult conference. Minister Deborah Fung led the track for college students and young professionals and Rev. Grace May preached two sermons for the Chinese and English tracks.

Kingdom Resources for Christ Annual Conference in Bethlehem, PA  
(July 10-13, 2014)



Left to right: Deborah, Daniel, Gloria, Irena, Jonathan, Joe, Manni, Joan, Grace and Michelle



## STAY in God's Wonder

### MENTORING SUPPORT NETWORK (MSN)

*creates a covenantal relationship between sisters to help affirm and encourage sisters to discover God's movement in their lives, so that they can follow Christ more deeply in their calling.*

MSN has served as a steady and secure ground for sisters as they have processed the transitions and vicissitudes of life.

Staying in God's wonder is having a mentoring relationship that gives you the freedom to choose, not for purely practical reasons, and affirms you for desiring to honor God above all else.



Jenny and Ellen



When facing a choice between two jobs, one sister chose the job with less pay in order to invest more time with the young people at her church.

Another sister entered marriage during her time at MSN and was glad to have her mentor walking alongside of her during this major change in her life.

Grace and Mary

All of us want an advocate, a cheerleader, a prayer partner and a discerning friend present in our different stages of life so that we can stay on track with God. —*Manni, MSN Coordinator*

*"There is trust in this mentoring relationship."*

*"We spoke about my work and aiming to remember that God's grace is sufficient, particularly in light of my own weakness."*

*"[Mentoring is] helping me decide on church commitments."*

*"Our time in prayer is Spirit-charged."*



Alice and Joanna

Twenty of us began our descent into the silence on Friday night.



I entered the retreat a little apprehensive about having to share with and lead women in spiritual direction whom I had never met before. I realized soon enough that almost all of us were a little bit unsure and maybe even a little uncomfortable by the notion of being in silence for the whole weekend. However, after the initial awkwardness, I felt the Holy Spirit working gently and definitely amongst the retreat participants. I was deeply moved by the vulnerability of the women who

poured out their spiritual and emotional questions with me at the spiritual direction sessions. I was particularly encouraged by the desire of these women to walk more faithfully with God and their deep yearning to be in the center of God's will . . . I praise God for the honor to hear the stories of the women I met with. I feel that such retreats will serve as a great platform for many women to come together as kindred spirits longing for God to fill them in ways not seen or felt before.



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## **SERVE** God's World

### **VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY NETWORKS**

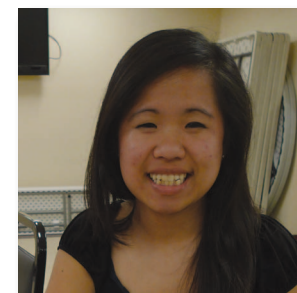
*provide experiences for sisters to explore their gifts in a supportive organizational environment.*



Vivian

In 2014, Deacon Vivian Campbell Mark and Elder Selena Turner of DeWitt Reformed Church, both graduates of our Core Course, have been preaching regularly at the Bensonhurst Chinese Christian Church in Brooklyn, NY and Christian Mission Church in Chinatown, NY.

Symphony Chau, a graduate of our Core Course, a participant in our Discernment Ministry, then and a member of the Mentoring Support Network, has volunteered to help with the WOW! website.



Symphony



Deborah

Minister Deborah Fung, an artist and a member of the pastoral staff at Redeemer Church, taught and preached at the Kingdom Resources for Christ 2015 Annual Conference.



## SUPPORT God's Work

*Through prayers, financial gifts and ministering together.*

### Consolidated Financial Reports

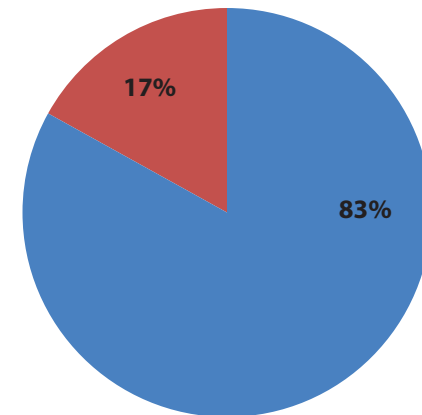
Balance from 2013	\$ 58,620
2014 Donations	\$ 60,195
2014 Ministry Fees	\$ 5,451
Grand Total	\$124,266
Expenses 2014	\$ 95,771
<b>Total Year End Balance</b>	<b>\$ 28,495</b>



Dr. Natalie Eastman, book signing

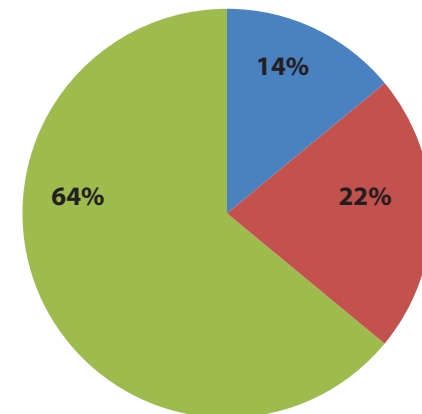
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### 2014 EXPENSE

■ ADMINISTRATIVE ■ PROMOTIONAL ■ MINISTRY



Ron and Joan



WOW! friends at Women of Color In Ministry Launch

## WOW! Intercessory Team (WIT)

*points us to God and gives us wisdom and strength from above.*



*Meet our new WIT Coordinators **Ken and Ginger** and growing team of prayer partners*

Abby Zou	Hannah Chen	Mary Kung
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## WOW! Board Team

**ERIKA DAYLE SIU** is a Tax Policy Consultant and she worships at OCM Grace Church in New Jersey. Erika earned her M.Div. from Yale University Divinity School and law degrees from New York University School of Law and Florida State University College of Law. Prior to moving to New York, she served in Eastern Europe with Campus Crusade, taught English in China, and ministered to youth at Chinese churches in Australia and in America. She is married and has two children, Ava and Austin.

**HAZEL ALEXANDER** is an active member of Times Square Church, who for years has volunteered with the nursing home ministry and short term missions. Prior to Times Square Church, she also served in prison ministry. Her passion is to pray, disciple and care for those who are most vulnerable, overlooked and underserved. Born and raised in Trinidad, she has a special place in her heart for people in her home country and waits for God to reopen the doors for ministry there. She loves traveling and learning about different cultures, and discovering how God is active wherever she goes. For decades, she worked as an Auditor for Barnes and Nobles.

**VIVIAN CAMPBELL MACK** works as a legal assistant at a small law firm and serves in her community as an activist, parent leader and lay minister. She holds a degree in Church/Organizational Management and has contributed, via her testimony, to the book *Sister to Sister: Devotions for and from African American Women*. In Vivian's village, family is first, love is unconditional, elders are honored and all are respected. This is evident in her dedication to family and friends, in her caring for all, including her grandmothers, one who suffered with Alzheimer's. She serves as Deacon and Director of the Drama Ministry at DeWitt Reformed Church. She is the mother of three: Alton, Sherod and Erma—and grandmother of six.

**MAY CHIN LEE** is the Lead Counselor of the Discernment Groups and heads up WOW!'s Intercessory Team (WIT). She also serves as the Children's Minister at Church of the Living Lord in Chinatown where she has served for the last 13 years and developed a summer leadership program for youth called the Jubikidz Leadership Training School. She has also worked as a Youth Director at the Chinese Christian Herald Crusade and served as the president of her local PTA. She received her M.S.W. from Hunter College School of Social Work and is a licensed social worker. She is married and has a daughter, Samantha.

**TRACEY WOODS-DUNNOM** has worked as a Database Administrator for over 20 years and worships at New York Covenant Church. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration from Pace University. Teaching is her main ministry and over the years she has also served in various capacities on church finance committees. Currently she's taking online Biblical courses in preparation for certification. She is newly married and has one child, Vidal.

**GRACE YING MAY** is the Executive Director of WOW! She also pastors at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in New York City and teaches at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, the City Seminary of New York and in Africa and Asia. She is a contributing author to *Honoring the Generations*, *The Scandal of the Cross*, *The Global God* and *Christian for Biblical Equality's Priscilla Papers*. She received her M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell and Th.D. from Boston University School of Theology. She enjoys living in the Lower East Side with her mother.

**MANNI LEE** is Director of Operations and Supervisor of the Mentoring Support Network of WOW! Formerly, she was the Supervisor of the B.I.G. Mentoring program at Chinese Christian Herald Crusade, where she served for 6 years. Manni also leads the youth ministry at Church of the Living Lord. She received her B.A. from Barnard College and spent a year abroad studying at the London School of Economics. She and board member May Lee enjoy bringing their children to serve in short-term mission trips to India. She is married and has two children, Tobi and Seth.

- Love** — the tie that binds us in Jesus Christ
- Equity** — the creation of equality for each of us
- Growth** — the commitment to nurture one another
- Anticipation** — the confidence that God will provide
- Community** — the belief that we are better together
- Yearning** — the desire to see God's Kingdom on earth

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