

Speakers Directory

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Welcome



The most frequent request I receive at my office is, “Who do you recommend as a speaker for our group?”

Look through our listing of gifted women speakers and you may find the right person to minister at your next retreat, evangelistic outreach, leadership training, banquet, marketplace meeting, friendship tea, workshop, or whatever your event might be.

We want to simplify the process of finding a speaker whose spiritual gifts and communication skills uniquely qualify her to share God’s Word at your event. These are women who are able to share, from a biblical perspective, their life experiences in a meaningful way with other women.

In response to these growing needs, we are pleased to provide you with the ninth edition of our Speakers Directory. We hope this list of women speakers will assist you as you plan your event. They represent a variety of ages, denominations, levels of experience, and speaking styles. Please contact the individual speaker directly for additional information or to schedule her for your event.

Our vision is to inject new vitality and productivity into New England churches by the equipping and encouraging of women in ministry. It is our prayer that by making this strategic resource available, we are partnering with you to see His Kingdom advance and His Name glorified throughout our region.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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- Discipleship
- Spiritual Gifts/Calling
- Mentoring
- Spiritual Disciplines

Rev. Janet Fisher Aronson is an author, speaker and life coach. Her book, *Marking Time with Mark*, is a devotional through the book of Mark that came out on her 70th birthday. She writes a daily devotional on her Facebook page called “Stepping Up: Growing Up in Christ Together.” Janet is passionate about discipling others and encouraging them in their walk with Christ through writing, speaking, mentoring, and coaching. She graduated from Boston University in music education and has her M. Div from Bethel Seminary.



Kimberly Bergeron

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- Keynote
- Ministering to Women
- Women Mentoring
- Motherhood to Widowhood
- Finding His Strength and Joy in Any Sufferings
- Finding Purpose

Kimberly Bergeron describes herself as the perfectly imperfect woman whose desire is to see life through Jesus’ eyes. The sudden death of her husband has walked her through much suffering, yet she sees where God has placed His fingerprints throughout her life, preparing her for this time. He fills her life with joy as she speaks of the goodness and kindness of Jesus. Her transparency, compassion, and humor draw you in to want to know more.



Rachel Britton

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- Practice of Prayer
- Intimacy with God
- Disappointment
- Failure
- Living Fulfilled

British-born, Rachel Britton relocated in 1995 from England to New England. She loves using scripture to lead others into a deep relationship with God. Rachel has served on ministry staff to women and is a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. A speaker and author, Rachel directs reNEW – a spiritual retreat for writers and speakers. She now resides in New York City. She is married to Colin, and they have three young adult children. Rachel lives for a mug of tea.



Cathy Chung

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- Discover Scriptural Insights from the Context of the Original Audience
- Bring the Scriptures to Life Through Story
- Personal Redemption and the Impact of God's Grace
- Increasingly Trusting God by Recognizing His Faithfulness in Your Life
- Lent and Holy Week
- Life in a Homeless Shelter
- Grief
- Develops Biblical Messages to Meet Group Needs

Cathy Chung is a writer, speaker, and lay pastor. She loves to teach biblical messages and has a heart for pastoral care. God showed Cathy grace even when she rejected Him and struggled with addiction. He reclaimed her life and fills her with joy and purpose. Cathy wants everyone to experience this undeserved love. Cathy has three grown children, a son-in-law, and a granddog. She recently completed a master's degree in theological studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.



Robin Farnsworth

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- Keynote
- Forgiveness
- Grief and Loss
- Addiction
- Perseverance
- Hope
- Fear/Anxiety/Depression

Robin Farnsworth is an award-winning author and speaker. On duty as an ER nurse in 2002, Robin identified her son, Spencer, minutes after he was pronounced dead. He was the unintended target of a murder. So begins her memoir, *The Greater Weight of Glory*, an extraordinary journey that explores the power of faith and forgiveness with true candor and courage. Be changed. Be free. Sorrow can dance with joy! Robin is living proof.



Sharon Gamble

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- Keynote
- Taking Time to Know God and Love Him More and More
- Quiet Time Habits
- Learning the Value of Resting with the Lord in Selah Times
- Prayer – Even When the Answers Don't Seem to Come
- Surrendered Living
- Staying in Step with the Spirit
- Following the Shepherd
- Thirsting for Living Waters

Sharon Gamble helps Christian women carve out quiet spaces to meet with God in order to know and love Him more. A frequent speaker at ladies' groups and conferences, Sharon posts fun, inspiring blogs on her website, SweetSelah.org; co-hosts a podcast, "The Sweet Selah Moments Podcast"; and offers online Bible studies through social media. Her published books are *Sweet Selah Moments*, *Give Me Wings to Soar*, and *Loved: A Bible Study of the Gospel of John*.



Tammy Gerhard

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- Keynote
- Women's Topics
- Identity and Freedom in Christ
- Walking Out Your Faith
- Unity and Collaboration in the Church
- Spiritual Gifts
- Soul Care
- Parenting
- Prayer

Tammy Gerhard is a woman who loves Jesus and encourages people to see life through His eyes. She delights in helping women discover their gifts, inspiring them to put them to use for Kingdom purposes. She is a mentor, counselor, and coach, as well as the owner of a small business where she invites emerging communicators in to grow their craft. She currently resides in Connecticut with her husband of 30 years and three adult children.



Diane Hallenbeck

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- Keynote
- Trauma Recovery
- Finding Our Identity in God's Love
- Rejecting Fear
- Spiritual Discernment of Thoughts
- Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Prayer and Journaling

Diane Hallenbeck is nestled in New Hampshire. When she isn't reading fourth-century early church history, you will find her climbing mountains. Her favorites cities in the world? Milan and Munich. Beloved traveling companion? Kevin, her husband of 35 years. They have raised five beautiful children. An international author and speaker, she offers workshops on her book, *Rejecting Fear, Learning To Be Led By Love*. Her book will be translated into Bulgarian in 2023!



Victoria Hammond

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- Keynote
- Biblical Exposition
- Attributes of God
- Character of God
- Intimacy with God
- Theology of the Gospel
- Christian Living
- How to Study the Bible
- Youth in Ministry

A.W. Tozer said, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” Tori Hammond’s passion is to help inspire a high view of God in the minds of fellow women. She holds a BA in Biblical Studies and is pursuing a master’s degree in ministry. Inspired by their early start in spiritual leadership, she and her husband run Rogue Ministries, a nonprofit for young adults and teens in ministry.



Debbie Lowe

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- Trusting God
- Prayer
- The Faithfulness of God

Debbie Lowe speaks and writes about the faithfulness of God. Examining men and women in Scripture and sharing from her experiences, Debbie reveals the steadfast trustworthiness of our Lord. She has shared at a variety of events including Mastering Motherhood, Iron Sharpens Iron for Women, church gatherings, and retreats. Married more than 40 years, Debbie and her husband have two adult children and nine grandchildren. Debbie enjoys reading and playing in the dirt (aka gardening).



Jean Marrapodi

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- Keynote
- Custom Themes – Biblical Application
- Christians in the Workplace
- God Can Use Your Difficult Past
- Training Christian Educators/Sunday School Teachers
- Bible 101
- Bible Study Basics

Jean Marrapodi, PhD, CPTD, serves full time in Christian ministry; whether designing elearning, presenting industry conference workshops, volunteering, or teaching Bible, all work toward the glory of God. Known for her high-energy, authentic teaching style, Jean connects with audiences for transformative learning. In the past 30 years, she has led every area of church ministry (well, except men's groups), but her passion is for teaching the Bible. She lives in Mansfield, MA, with two eccentric cats.



Karen Moniz

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- Seeker-friendly Events
- Mother/Daughter Events
- Women's Retreats

For more than twenty years, Karen Moniz has combined her love of storytelling with her passion for teaching God's Word. She is committed to speaking and teaching the Word of God to women by weaving biblical truths with stories from everyday life. Through her sweet countenance and gentle spirit, she effectively shares solid biblical truth, instilling a desire in women to strengthen their relationship with the Lord. She's been married to Dave for 35 years, and they have two grown children and two grandchildren.



Lori Roeleveld

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- Keynote
- Bible Teaching
- Women in the Bible
- Persevering in Faith
- Spiritual Growth
- Sharing Our Faith
- Hard Conversations
- Healing Racial Conflict
- Pursuing Christ and Finding Your Purpose

Lori Roeleveld is a certified coach, Bible teacher, author, speaker, and disturber of hobbits. Passionate about God's women, she speaks around the country with humor and authenticity on a variety of biblical topics. She's authored numerous award-winning books, including a sixth in the works with Our Daily Bread on the choices of women in the Bible. A lifelong Rhode Islander, she loves her husband, grown kids, grand-toddlers and -teens, and her local church.



Forshia Ross

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- Keynote
- Overcoming Depression
- Marriage Challenges
- Persevering Faith
- Prodigal Sons/Daughters
- Proverbs 31 Woman

Having overcome years of depression through the help of God, Forshia Ross loves to encourage and minister the hope of His goodness. Her unique ability to unfold the scriptures in such a way will cause you to come away saying, "I can do this! With God's help, I can really do this!" She motivates the struggling heart to believe. Author of two books about her spiritual journey to wholeness, which is now being made into a documentary by the producer of *End of the Spear*, she is convinced that God has a good plan for each of us.



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- Keynote
- Drama Outreach
- Women's Retreats
- Bible Teaching
- Marriage and Family
- Pastors' Wives
- Writing
- Christian Living

Maggie Wallem Rowe, M.A.B.S., is a national speaker, dramatist, and author. She's been married for over 45 years to her pastor-husband, Mike, and is a mother of three and grandmother to six, and her work includes decades in public relations, adult education, and ministry to women. Maggie's first book, *This Life We Share*, was a finalist for the 2021 ECPA Christian Book Award in the New Author category. Maggie was also a TEDx presenter in 2021. Her second book, *Life is Sweet, Y'all*, released by Tyndale House Publishers in 2022. She blogs weekly at "View from the Ridge" (maggierowe.com).



Cindy Saab

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- Keynote
- Retreat
- Leadership
- Encouragement
- Hope
- Connections
- Networking
- Flourishing
- Imposter Syndrome

Cindy Saab is an intentional CEO — a Connector and Encourager to Others. She loves to inspire, empower, and equip those traveling through unexpected storms and motivate them toward new seasons of life. Cindy is an award-winning Bible study author, a passionate communicator and leader, and a strong biblical teacher who coordinates a nationwide Christian outreach ministry. The mother of two adult children, she can often be found at the local coffee shop or the inspirational beach near her New Hampshire home.



Nancy Smith

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- Keynote
- Bible Exposition
- Christian Living
- Disability Ministry
- Hope and Encouragement
- Marriage Enrichment
- Using Your Gifts

Nancy Smith's speaking and writing ministry is called "Securely Anchored" because it was through some serious storms in life that she learned to fully trust God and His will. She has a passion for teaching others how to read and apply scripture to their own circumstances. She is always pursuing learning and is a graduate of Proverbs 31, Speak Up, and She Writes for Him training and an alumnus of reNEW Writers Retreat. She and her husband of 40 years have three adult children, one with disabilities. She loves music, crafts, and a good cup of coffee.



Kristi Stoughton

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- Keynote
- Freedom in Christ
- Digging Deep into the Bible
- Finding Identity and Value in Christ
- Intimacy with God
- Mentoring the Next Generation
- Marriage and Family
- Christmas Topics

Life is not for the faint of heart – it's a wild adventure! Whether we're resting in God's arms or hanging on by our fingernails, Kristi Stoughton shows how solid, biblical truths apply to every facet of our lives and how God desires to be a part of everything we do. She shares with honesty, humor, and practicality about life's joys, doldrums, and sorrows, and about how to live victoriously by holding on to God. In a demanding world, Kristi loves to dispel the myth of the "superwoman" and happily bears the title of "Superwoman Dropout."

Because of their strategic involvement in the home, church, workplace, and community, women are uniquely designed to be able to contribute significantly to reaching our world for Christ. *By design ministries* is dedicated to the equipping and development of women for ministry that will advance the kingdom of God, with a special emphasis on the needs related to New England.

We accomplish this mission by developing educational tools, sponsoring workshops, and hosting retreats that increase the participants' ability to minister effectively to others. Moreover, we provide a variety of networking events that support women in their varied ministries.

Women, properly trained and confident of their God-given abilities, are positioned to make an eternal difference. We are committed to the discovery, development, and deployment of women and their God-given design for kingdom service.



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