

WOW!

WOMEN OF WONDER

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

So many women are told as girls what they can't do and what they can't be. And when they hear that message often enough, they begin to believe it and to stop dreaming of all that they can be.

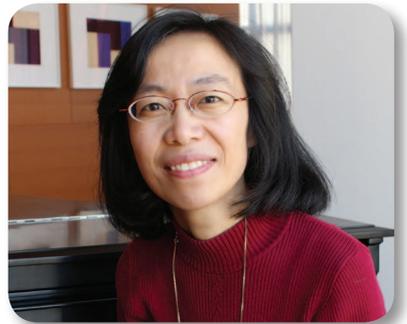
But God's message is so very different. In promising Sarah a child in her old age, long after it was humanly possible to conceive, the Lord asked, "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?" (Gen 18:14 KJV). It was God's way of assuring her that absolutely nothing is too hard for God.

I rejoice seeing younger and older women awaken to the truth that God wholeheartedly supports their dreams—dreams God planted in them and calls them to fulfill.

I am grateful for you, because your gifts have allowed our sisters to see and hear God anew. In 2012, you and WOW! together touched lives and helped restore confidence in a wonder working God who continues to speak a life-giving word to women and men everywhere.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Grace May
Executive Director of Women of Wonder, Inc.



WOW! *Is anything too hard for God?*

What we do

WOW! is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that longs to see women fulfill their God-given callings. Toward that end, WOW! creates an environment where Christian sisters can **S**eek God's will, **S**tudy God's Word, **S**erve God's world and **S**tay in God's wonder and **S**upport God's work.



Essential to accomplishing WOW!'s objectives are our core values ("LEGACY"):

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

Ministries Launched in 2012

- **DISCERNMENT GROUP:** a tailor-made small group of counselors and friends that meets three times a year to help discern a person's vocational calling
- **CORE COURSE:** a multi-faceted 7-week teaching/learning experience that demonstrates God's support for women in leadership from the Scriptures
- **SUPPORT AND MINISTRY NETWORK:** mentoring for sisters in ministry or the marketplace who are seeking discernment in a specific area

Ministry Partners in 2012

- **CHURCHES:** Oversea Chinese Mission, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, John Street United Methodist Church
- **MINISTRY ORGANIZATIONS:** Hephzibah House, Asian Pacific Islander Women's Leadership Conference

2012 Ministry Milestones

Discernment Groups:

- Four Discernees completed a Discernment Cycle, involving 5 Discernment Counselors, who gave a total of 102 hours.
- One sister graduated from Columbia's Teacher's College and followed the Lord's calling into educational missions in a slum in New Delhi, India.

A Discernment Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator, who together boast more than forty years of pastoral ministry and counseling experience, head up the Discernment Group ministry.

Discernment group procedures and guidelines for the discernment process and the recruitment of counselors have been established and adopted by the WOW! Board.

Skype videoconferencing has been used in discernment sessions to include people near and far.





Core Course:

- Seventeen sisters completed the WOW! 7-week Core Course.
- A joint worship and teaching workshop in March, hosted by Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, whetted people's appetite for the Core Course.

The Core Course was a learning experience that ministered to the whole person through teaching, worship, fellowship and prayer.

The teaching demonstrated that the whole canon of Scripture, read in context, supports women in leadership.



I really enjoyed that the class highlighted women who operated "outside the box" [even in biblical times].



“My greatest gain in the course is access to Biblical teaching from the woman’s perspective. . . it has been a liberating experience to know that male and female were created equal. . . The day Grace taught 1 Corinthians 11. . . I realized that I need to learn the “complete” gospel. God has so much more to offer than we think, [including] a new perspective of looking at women and how important and awesome we really are despite what society tells us.”

It warms my heart to know that Jesus values how each . . . woman thinks.



I am so glad that the group is diverse in race and age. We got to share a lot of different perspectives.



Everything was applicable, from the fellowship with sisters in Christ we don't normally fellowship with to different forms of worship to eye opening revelations of "difficult" Scriptures.

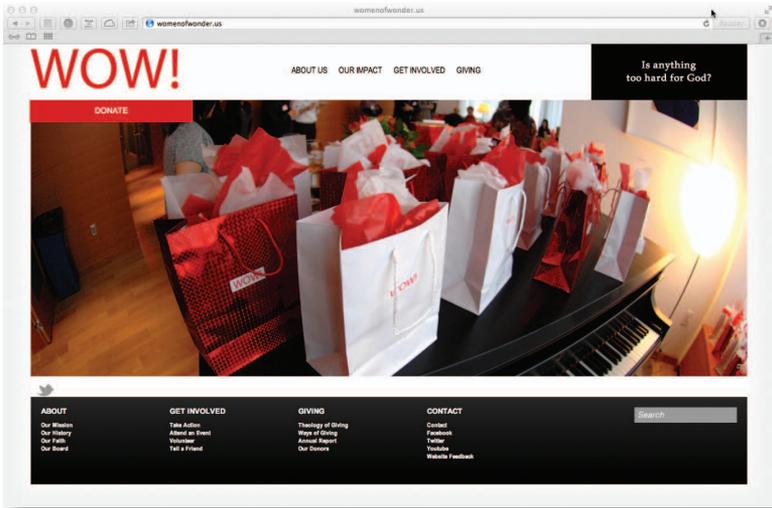


Mentoring and Support Network:

- A Discernment Session was convened for a campus minister with an eye to building a network of support.

Website:

WOW!'s new website continues to be developed even as you read this Annual Report.



Partnership Development:

- WIT (WOW!'s Intercessory Team) consists of twenty-five prayer warriors led by WOW!'s Chaplain May Lee.
- Donations increased 200% from 2011 to 2012. Fifty people and two churches are giving generously and sacrificially to the ministry of WOW!.
- WOW! expanded her network on the West Coast by participating in the APIWLC (co-sponsored by CRU, InterVarsity, Navigators and Asian American Leadership Conference) in Los Angeles in April 2012. Grace also preached on the last day of the conference.
- Over 600 people receive WOW!'s e-newsletter regularly.



Organizational Structure:

Incorporation and tax-exempt status granted by Federal and State Tax Authorities.

WOW!'s Board expanded by adding two stellar leaders for a total of six with a WOW! Board Retreat in May 2012.

We have a new Executive Director and an Operations Director.

Thank you Friends and Supporters for helping WOW! to soar!

WOW! Supporters and Intercessors

Minister Sharon Bacot *	Joanne Kwok *	Julia Robertson †
Dr. Bernard Berkowitz *	Cindy Lathrop †	Deborah Scott *
Dr. Sylvia Bradfield+Mitchell †	John Lathrop †	Dr. Roy Scott *
Elder Joseph Capel *	Elder Philip Law *	Ninfa Segarra †*
Rosemarie Chan †	Deacon Pui Yim Law †*	Erika Dayle Siu †*
Mui Fong Chau †	Manni Lee †*	Ginger Steggall †
Stephen Chien *	May Lee †*	Ken Steggall †
Susan Chien *	Dr. Paul Lee *	Christine Teng-Hensen †
Elder Laverne Cummings †	Sophia Li †	Ang Tong *
Ella DeCastro Baron †	Maria Liu Wong *	Cassandra Vaughan *
Hassan Gholidizeh *	Melissa Main *	Wayne Vaughan *
Nancy Gholidizeh *	Mimi Man *	Mary Wang *
Betty Hom †	Rev. Grace Y. May †*	Joy Wong *
Minister Ruth Hsu *	Beverly Mitchell *	Tracey Woods *
Julia Hu †	Lauren Moy †*	Dr. Thomas Yuen *
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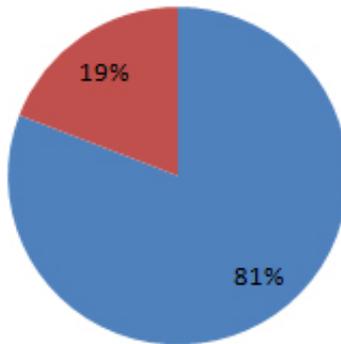
* Financial support † WOW! Intercessory Team

Consolidated Report of Financial Position

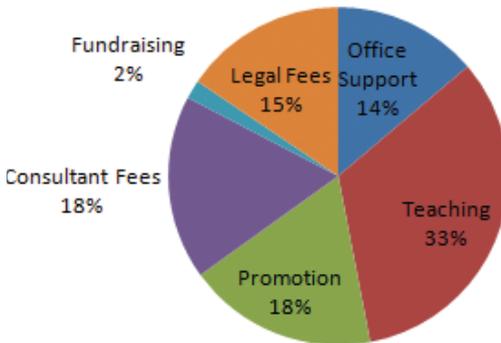
Revenue (from 2011)	\$28,281.99
Total Donations in 2012	\$54,187.80
Total Revenue	\$82,469.79
Expenses in 2012	\$11,543.03
2012 Year-end Balance	\$71,016.76

WOW! Income

■ Individuals ■ Churches/Cash donations



2012 Expenses



Meet the WOW! Team



LAVERNE CUMMINGS is an Elder and the Clerk of Session of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, an African American church, where she has been a member for over forty years. At the same time, she has been working as an Administrator at the New York University Langone Medical Center for the past forty years. She received her B.A. from the College of New Rochelle and is a graduate of New York Theological Seminary's Christian Ministry program. She has one son, Jermaine and two grandchildren Makenzie and Jaydan.



MANNI LEE is the Director of Operations for WOW! Formerly, she was the Supervisor of the B.I.G. Mentoring program at Chinese Christian Herald Crusade, where she served for the last 5 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 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.



MAY CHIN LEE is the Children's Minister at Church of the Living Lord in Chinatown where she has served for the last 12 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.



GRACE YING MAY is the Executive Director for WOW! She also pastors at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church on the Lower East Side and teaches at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and the City Seminary of New York. 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.



NINFA SEGARRA serves as Vice President in a consulting firm. She has served as President of the Board of Education and Deputy Mayor of the City of New York. She worships and teaches the new members class at Primitive Christian Church, a Hispanic Pentecostal congregation. She received a law degree from New York Law School and is enrolled in Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She has two children, Pablo and Alynda.



ERIKA DAYLE SIU is a Policy Consultant for the United Nations Development Programme and worships at John Street United Methodist Church. She received her M.Div. from Yale University Divinity School and law degree from New York University School 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.

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