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LEGACY OF WONDER

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gladness
delightful, rescued
telling, enjoying, stepping
singing of the Lord's mercies
JOY



WOW! CELEBRATES YOU, OUR EZER COMMUNITY

Carrying the discoveries from our 2021 Exploration of Ezer teachings, we sought to embody and empower Ezer Communities in our 2022 work. Through the integral study of the scriptures, our seminar speakers helped us understand Ezer as the very nature of God, a powerful advocate, mentor, rescuer, and movement maker for the work of social justice. Much like Esther, we have experienced you as our Ezer community, coming alongside through **care, counsel, commitment and celebration** to strengthen one another to be the Ezer warriors needed for 'such a time as this'. Like Paul, we hold deep appreciation and esteem for our co-workers, both women and men, who are laboring together in re-imagining and rebuilding the church.

Your presence in our WOW! community brought depth and authenticity to our relationships and spiritual growth. We navigated through the harsh realities of 2022, including the tenuous re-introduction of in person gatherings! In whatever setting you showed up, we rejoiced, we lamented, we mourned, we wondered, and we hoped together. We came together in stillness before God listening for his voice, affirming each other as God's beloved.

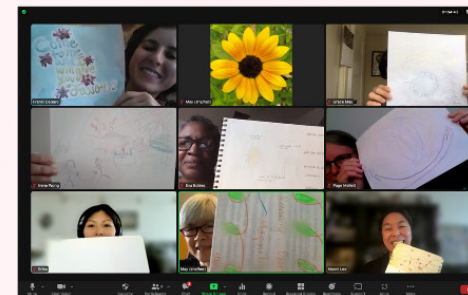
The following pages are filled with **your** declarations* of God's good work among us restoring the body of Christ, strengthening our faith, healing our brokenness and seeing the larger reality of God's love for all. Where does our help come from? It comes from Elohim, our Ezer.

Is anything too wonderful for God? - Genesis 18:14

*the colorful and creative cinquain poems are written by those in the Journeying through Lent cohorts

WOW! VISION & MISSION

Trust
Stillness, safety in you
I'm falling, leaning,
releasing.
Letting go for life
Absolute surrender



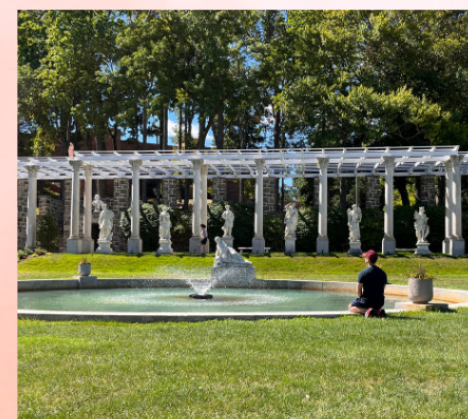
WOW! is growing a community that walks alongside women to uncover and affirm their God-given purpose through prayer, teaching, and celebration.

Our ministries and events are built on:

FOUNDATION: The Word of God

FORMATION: Commitment to the journey of discovering who God is and who we are

FRIENDSHIP: A heart of hospitality shown through unhurried welcome, acceptance, and engagement



*Thank you for being the heartbeat of WOW! -
Communities of compassion and contemplation where Ezers
can be replenished to thrive and flourish.*

SACRED SPACES FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

"I am very grateful that I found out about spiritual direction and I feel like this is the kind of spiritual companionship that I've been looking for."

Monthly seminars (Women Biblical Leadership podcast)

In-Person Weekend Refresh Silent Retreats

Virtual Half-Day Retreats

Explore And Discover
(1-Day Retreat) -
Deep Dives Of Discernment
Through The Five Senses (New)

Cohorts:

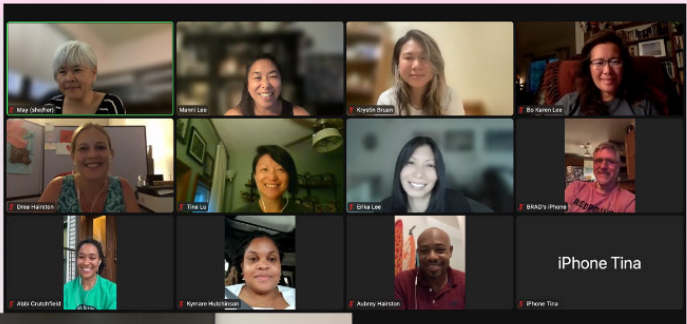
- Group Spiritual Direction -
Journeying With Jesus
- Soul Care
- Journey Through Lent -
Lectio Divina (New)
- Group Discernment (New)

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Discernment

Special Times of Meet Ups &
Prayer Online

In Person Celebrating Friendship
& Achievements



JASMINE
Brave, weary
trekking, carrying, protective
WATER



Ezers in fellowship created sacred space committing to one another for seasons or months to develop personal rhythms of soul care, personal growth, mindfulness of God's presence, artistic expression, and connecting authentically through sharing of life experiences.

CARE EZERS LAMENT IN COMMUNITY

CRY

Agonizing; honest

Searching; inquiring; longing

Why, O Lord... How long?

Lament



Upon waves of continual violence AAPI and black communities came alongside each other with gifts of presence, kindness and tears. Together we faced tragic loss, fear, and injustice. Together we found hope and a voice of oneness to change the future.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. (Ro. 12:15)

"We are not suffering alone, neither are we pressing forward alone."

Defiant
United by faith
We fight against evil
We fight for a dream
We fight for future generations

-Anonymous



COMMITMENT GROUP JOURNEYING

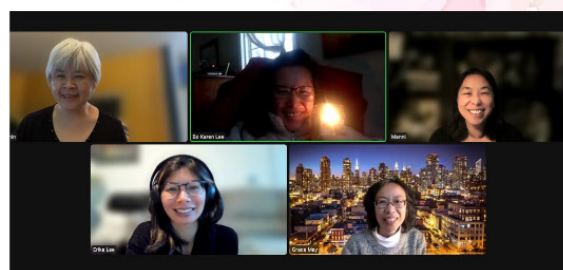
Life
Evergreen,
Unexpected
Dedicating,
Desiring,
Disciplining
Marvelous &
Surprising Gift
Worthy



"We gathered to practice deep listening as spiritual companions championing one another holding each other in prayer. We gifted each other with words of affirmation leading to further ponderance on the God who is love." - Group Spiritual Direction.

"This time was so full of spirit. All the words and sharing blessed me. When we first began, I wondered how I even fit into the story? As time unfolded all the pieces came together. This group is a tremendous blessing and has unearthed desires that I buried and allowed me to bring these desires and feelings to the surface surrounded by God's presence."

"We gathered for a sacred time to sit with and silently engage with God's word going deeper into the story of Jesus and the realities of our struggles in life. We enriched each other as we shared our own insights from God."
-Journey Through Lent - (Lectio Divina)



COUNSEL WITH BIBLICAL INTEGRITY

Deep thanks to our amazing guest teachers for the depth of insight revealed by your commitment in studying God's word. Thank you for the life-sized spiritual portraits of women in the Bible and their co-leadership with brothers exemplifying Ezer communities under God's leadership. Thank you for ministering to our heartfelt needs and to the church with God-centered teaching, bridging the gap between sisters and brothers.

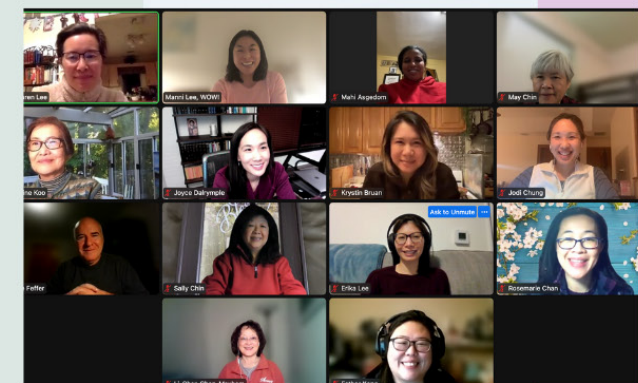


ROCK
FAITHFUL,
TRUSTWORTHY
GROUNDING,
STABILIZING,
COMFORTING
a place to abide
HOME



"I particularly appreciated her exploration of Esther's community and the seminal role they played in her spiritual and moral development. I also appreciated the ways in which she highlighted Esther's identity and how Esther was called to remember who she is. The specific questions that were designed to help Asian American women make connections to our lived reality were also really insightful!"

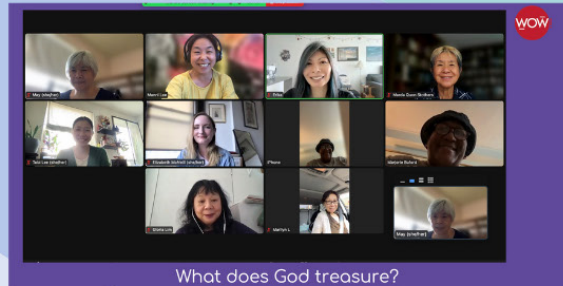
"What is awesome is that Romans 16 is a perfect picture of what a church should look like - a combination of men and women, all leaders in their right. Maybe not leaders at the same time but definitely co-laboring in the truest sense - male and female ruling together."



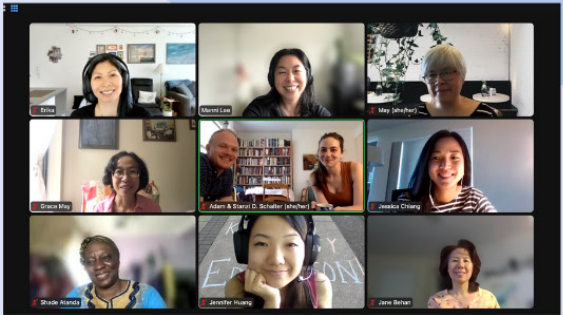
GODLY COUNSEL AT REFRESH

SILENT RETREATS

Waiting
Patient, trusting
Wailing, praising, singing
Slowly open to surrender
Remembering



A time to enter into rest. Ezers are constantly giving care to others. Yet Ezers also need time to refresh their own souls. WOW! Refresh retreats offer Ezers unhurried spaces of stillness to enjoy a break from daily demands of life. It is a sacred community space of silence to download, hear from God and bless one another.



I realized that these silent retreats with WOW! have really been a chance for me to see how much I've grown over the years. I've been to a couple of silent retreats and this one, I just felt like God has been so gracious to help me grow, change and heal these past few years."

CELEBRATING THE COURAGE OF NEW BEGINNINGS, THE PERSEVERANCE TO FINISH THE RACE & ALL THE MOMENTS ALONG THE WAY



"Thank you so very much for your kindness and support in this beautiful time. My whole family knows all about you and the wonderful people I've met through WOW!, and I cannot wait for you all to meet someday."



"I really appreciate you and all the steady encouragement and positive energy I have received non-stop from the WOW! sisterhood...While I don't deserve it, this consistent warm energy has helped carry me through the 3-year graduate program all the way to its finish line. I shall always think of Women of Wonder as dearly beloved Godsend!"



"I really appreciate you creating an environment where I was comfortable enough to come as I was. I'm still not sure what God is doing, but it is encouraging to know you all are there walking with me."

WOW! CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF MINISTRY A LEGACY OF WONDER



Thank you Rev. Grace May for your 'yes!' to the Lord in staying the course in pursuing your pastoral calling and in dreaming WOW! into reality. Your obedience to persevere through obstacles and detours created a path so others could courageously follow theirs. The footprints of WOW! go much further than this joyous celebration we held in November. We pray WOW! will continue to be a platform for women to be heard and more journeys of wonder will reach far beyond us.



"There are so many gifts that women ministers bring to the kingdom. We see and include people on the margins. We listen with empathy to those who are wounded. We build bridges of understanding and practice hospitality. We value all the parts of the body of Christ. We nurture and help others grow in their faith. We are courageous advocates and gentle healers. These biblical truths of who God made us as Ezer warrior women have been sustaining nutrients that I have absorbed from having my roots intertwined with WOW!"

THE ROAD AHEAD...

"WOW!'S LEGACY IS THAT IT HAS NURTURED A FOREST OF HEALTHY TREES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BEAR FRUIT THAT WILL LAST."

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE HELPED TO BRING FORTH IN THIS LAST DECADE!
AS WE CONTINUE FORWARD, WOW! HOPES TO:

- Amplify our impact & grow our team through discipleship & mutual ministry
- Share our values by modeling collaborative leadership through more partnership events & opportunities with organizations & churches
- Resource others in connecting more deeply with God & one another through creating & releasing more contemplative content & materials that can be incorporated into their personal and corporate rhythms

SO THAT

" THIS FOREST WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE YEARS TO COME."

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.
Jeremiah 17: 7-8



SPIRIT OF THUNDER



PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE WOMEN OF WONDER, THOSE WOMEN OF PEACE WITH A SPIRIT OF THUNDER. MANNI, MAY, ERIKA AND OTHERS, ALL OF US TOGETHER - SISTERS & BROTHERS.

YOU OFFER A PLACE FOR PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION, YOU GUIDE US TOWARD HOLY RESTORATION. WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, GOD BLESS YOU!

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TABLE COMMUNITY

OUR COMMUNITY OF MONTHLY GIVERS



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Your commitment to giving monthly to WOW!
allows us to consistently offer support for women
to confidently move, flow, and reach toward
new heights!

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"It takes so much discernment, courage, and perseverance to say YES and keep saying YES to God's call to ministry when the soil around you is so dry! Look around you – these are amazing women who have said YES and amazing people who support these women to follow their call!"

FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE

Beginning Balance	84,843
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INCOME

General Donations	22,569
Table Donations	56,180
Fundraising Campaigns	30,141
Ministry Service Income	10,005

TOTAL FUNDS	\$118,895
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HUB Grant	25,000
PPP Grant	10,585

GROSS INCOME	\$154,480
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EXPENSES

Administrative	4,229
Employee Benefits & Salaries	124,245
Fundraising Expenses	9,224
Legal & Professional Fees	6,050
Ministry	10,903
Network & Partnership	1,687
Processing Fees	2,454

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$158,792
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Net Operating Income	\$ (4,312)
Accrual Adjustment*	\$ (373)

NET ASSET BALANCE	\$ 80,158
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*ACCRUAL ADJUSTMENT INCLUDES CREDIT CARD, UNAPPLIED SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND GRANTS, WAGES ACCRUED AND PAID IN THE NEXT YEAR

"I was moved by the sharing... each person had a powerful story to share. Thank you for your ministry. Our church is often not female leader friendly. I am asking God what I can do."



TREASURES



Desired to be shared

GIFTS

Thank you for your words of encouragement affirming the wonders God is doing at WOW! We had a fabulous year walking alongside you! Thank you for being our Ezers with your presence, prayers, friendship, contributions, giftings, and passion for God! We look forward to continuing the journey together with you!