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Gen. 45:5 (NKJV)

Director's Welcome

Welcome to the 49th annual Niagara Ladies Retreat the Virtual Experience 2.0! In the past 24 months we have seen changes in our lives that we would never have imagined. None of us could have been prepared for what the pandemic unleashed: the closure of churches, online learning, homes becoming our offices, the wearing of masks becoming fashionable and doctor's visits being a phone call; yet here we are. Amid all these changes we believe the plans and purposes of God for our lives remain unchanged. It is with this in mind that we gather this year under the theme "**Positioned for Purpose.**" God is always in control and no matter your circumstances you are positioned for purpose. He can bring circumstances to align perfectly with His purpose. After Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, and later rose to a position of prominence in Egypt, he looked back on his journey and concluded "for God sent me before you to preserve lives" (Gen. 45:5). He was positioned for purpose, intentionally placed into his current circumstances to fulfill the mission of God. Whatever your experiences have been in the last 24 months, God can use them for your good and His glory.

A special welcome to our guest speakers and workshop presenters. I am confident God will use them to enrich your lives. We know you have always been blessed by our interactive Talk and Pray (TAP) sessions, so join us on Saturday morning at 8:15am for online TAP groups. Get your gears ready for an inhouse workout session and your hearts and minds opened for practical and spiritual pearls from our presenters.

Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person, the Planning Committee pray that you will have a wonderful time in the presence of the Lord and in fellowship with each other.

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Plenary Speakers

Friday Night



Dr. Sophia Martin

Life as we know it is an amazingly fascinating mystery. The sequence of events from cradle to grave can never be taken for granted, notwithstanding that we are all here to fulfill our purpose.

Pastor Sophia Martin is the eldest of nine children for her mom and dad. She was born in Kingston Jamaica and later migrated to her current home in Canada. Life was not always easy. She recalls many days of not having enough to eat, nor the resources required to attend school, but she knew that God has something great in store for her. In October of 1993, she heard the Lord calling her name and decided to yield to the call of Christ. Since then, she has never once looked back.

Sophia is a mighty woman of God who tries her best at all times to walk in full obedience to the will of God, knowing that she has only made it thus far through grace and mercy, she does not take her role in the kingdom lightly. She is the mother of a beautiful daughter Peteann and Grand-mother to Addriana , who she talks about happily as her pride and joy.

She is a past student of the Jamaica Open Bible Institute (JOBI) who completed her studies at the Jamaica Theological Seminary (JTS), where she pursued a theological and counselling degree. She also possesses a Diploma in Secretarial Studies as well as a Diploma in Biblical Studies. Although she has migrated, her passion for learning and achievement has not dwindled. She has earned a Diploma from Canadian Christian Ministries Theological Seminary in November 2013 and was awarded her Doctoral Degree in Theology April 2017.

She the Author of the book titled “ If You Only Knew My Story “ is one that she hopes will inspire others to fight the good fight of faith and press on amidst trials and temptations.

On August, 2021 She wrote and launched two additional books titled “My Fight is Fixed and I am In It To Win It”. (All three books are available on Amazon for purchasing.

“I don't know how my story will end, but nowhere in it will you read, that I ever gave up ...” If she was to choose a character in the bible to liken her story to it would have to be that of Daniel and the 3 Hebrew Boys they went through the fire that was seen as a symbol of destruction but instead God used it to prove Himself and bring them out as pure gold as painful and initially frightening process but how beautiful was the final results.

She is the Lead Pastor of Empowered To Win Ministry Canada located in Brampton Ontario Canada and also the Brampton Campus Director of Shiloh Bible Institute and Seminary. Look out world Lady Martin is coming to preach deliverance to the captives IJN AMEN

Plenary Speakers



Saturday Afternoon

Evang. Jaimie Carrington

Born in the beautiful Island of Trinidad, Evangelist Jaime N. Carrington migrated to Toronto, Canada at the age of ten. At age fourteen, she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior under the Ministry of Pastor Hector Mayers, the former Pastor of the Metropolitan Church of God in Toronto. With much discipleship and mentoring, she became aware of her predestined calling and began to declare with passion, the good news of the Gospel by the age of sixteen.

In 1999, Jaime founded “Pursuing Purpose Ministry/Services”, an evangelistic; Christ centered ministry, which focuses on salvation, holistic empowerment, healing, restoration and deliverance; inspiring individuals to begin “pursuing purpose with the power, passion and presence of God”. Ministering at various seminars, outreach programs, conventions, conferences, and churches, within Canada, the United States and Internationally, Jaime has been given a particular anointing and passion for change and empowerment. She desires to express the undiluted word of God through her powerful testimony and is an example of how God can and will use his people to revolutionize this world by living according to “Kingdom Principles”. Delivering the Word of God with power, she possesses an unquenchable fire that will impact each life that witnesses her ministry.

Presently, Jaime serves as a Probation and Parole Officer with the Ministry of the Solicitor General, served in the Toronto Anti-Guns and Gangs Unit and now active in the Richmond Hill Office. Formerly she worked as a Case Manager in Gang Prevention initiative after serving as a Youth Service Correctional Officer for ten years at the York Detention Centre, a Correctional Secure Detention Facility for at risk youth and young offenders. This experience has allowed her to utilize the skills she's acquired while earning a Social Service Worker Diploma at Sheridan College, School of Applied Arts and Technology. Her knowledge of the scriptures is a testament to her disciplined study of the word, both at home and at Tyndale University and Seminary, culminating in a Bachelor of Religious Education Degree.

Positioned and released to minister to all ages, genders and races, the Lord has called Jaime for such a time as this. She prayerfully welcomes each opportunity to minister the Word of God.

Program for the Weekend

Friday

- 6:30 – 7:00 pm Pre – Conference Activities
7: 00 – 9:00 pm General Session
 - Opening of Conference
 - Welcome
 - Greetings First Lady Thompson
 - Women of Excellence Award presentations
 - Worship in Dance
 - Worship Team
 - Guest Speaker – Dr. Sophia Martin

Saturday

- 8:15 – 9: 00 am TAPS
9: 00- 9:15 am GospelGroove – Daniela Goode Thomas
9:15 – 9: 25 am Morning Glory – Praise Team
9:25 – 9:40 am Welcome and Notices
9:45 – 11:10 am Presentations
 - **Rising from Abuse: Positioned for Purpose** – Rev. Ellen Campbell
 - **Motivational Poet**– Roen Higgins
 - **The Winning Mindset** – Roxanne Francis
11:10 – 11:15 am “He Kept Me” - Video
11:15 – 11:45 pm “Destined to Succeed” – Interview with Dr. Shelly Morgan, a story of triumph over adversity
11:45 – 12:05 pm Q & A session
12:05 – 1:05 pm Presentations
 - **Positioned for the Assignment** – Kettia Massenat
 - **Faith Filled Prayer** – Pastor Colleen Lewis
1:05 – 1:20 Congregational Prayer
1:20 – 1:50 pm **B R E A K**
1:50 – 3:30pm Afternoon Worship Experience
General Session – Positioned in Worship
Song – French Sisters
Greeting - Bishop Woodroe Thompson, National Bishop
Worship Team
Guest Speaker – Evang. Jaimie Carrington
Director – Vote of thanks
NLR 50th Anniversary launch

Synopsis of Presentations



Rising from Abuse – Positioned for Purpose

Ellen Campbell

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.” It is not about what we go through, but what God has us to do. We were all born with a destiny, and as Spirit filled believers, we were also given specific gifts to fulfill our destiny.

If the enemy can steal our identity in Christ, then he can also steal our destiny and our purpose.

Unless you know who you really are in Christ, you cannot fill the call that is on your life. As believers in Jesus Christ, you are Positioned for Purpose, but you need to know: Who am I, my identity, my perception of my value, why am I here, and my perception of my purpose?

Ellen will share her testimony, and how you can fulfill the call that is on your life.



The Winning Mindset

Roxanne Francis

How much do you know about mental health? If you’re feeling unhappy does that mean you’re depressed? How do you know when you’ve crossed the threshold from a few bad days to need professional support? Won’t praying and fasting be enough?

If you have mental health questions, struggle with issues around confidence, or sometimes feel like you aren’t good enough or qualified enough to realize your dreams, “The Winning Mindset” will show you how your mental health is key to developing a healthy mindset. Myths and misconceptions will be cleared up, and you will be given the keys to self-care.

These will be the stepping stones to walking in your purpose and achieving your goals!



Positioned for the Assignment

Kettia Massenat

You are unique! You are special! God took extra care to fashion you as you are so that you would fulfill the specific mission He had assigned to you even before you were placed in your mother’s womb! This pandemic has hit hard and caused discouragement, anxiety and anguish for many. However, through all this turmoil, God, your creator, wants to remind you that His plans for your life have not changed. He has positioned you for purpose, therefore do not hesitate another second! Trust Him, take a step of faith and move forward in His perfect plan for you!

Synopsis of Presentations



Faith Filled Prayer

Colleen Lewis

Within the pages of the scriptures, we are told that the continuous and heartfelt (fervent, unceasing) prayer (petition, request, communion) of a believer will produce lasting, tremendous, and dynamic results in our lives.

Prayer in the Hebrew Bible is an evolving means of interacting with God, most frequently through a spontaneous, individual, organized form of petitioning and/or thanking.

To obtain and see the clear evidence and manifestation of our communion/interaction with God, that will impact and empower us to fulfill our God-ordained destiny, our prayer must be undergirded and substantiated in faith (confidence, conviction, and firm persuasion) in a God who hears and answers our petitions and desires.”



“Destined to Succeed”

- Special Interview with Dr. Shelley Morgan

Dr. Shelley Morgan graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) Buffalo School of Pharmacy in 2002. One of the prized lessons she took from her father, an immigrant from Jamaica, was to look at the problems at hand and find a way to fix them. These words of wisdom have guided Shelley's visionary spirit and have channeled her instinctual entrepreneurial journey.

Courageous and solution focused, Shelley is the Co-founder and CEO of Rx Billing Genie, an app that assists pharmacy staff save valuable time when processing prescriptions. In addition, she has curated a 4-series journal set with sayings that touched her heart during a very difficult time, as well a joke book for her daughter. These literary creations are all available on Amazon.

Shelley will share inspirational stories from her life's journey as a mother, entrepreneur, and survivor of a difficult relationship.

Women of Excellence

AWARDS



*In Honour
of Two
Distinguished
Women*

Eva Morrison and Marie-Annite Massenat

Over the years the National ladies ministries of Eastern Canada have recognized Women of Excellence for their faithfulness and hard work in the service of the Lord.

In 2018 the Niagara Ladies Retreat Ministry Planning Committee implemented the Eva Morrison and Marie Annite Massenat Women of Excellence Awards. These distinguished awards are awarded to women who are pioneers, visionaries, trendsetters, leaders, role models, mentors, compassionate and dedicated to church and community.

Congratulations to our past recipients:

2018 - Jenny Powell and Clairline Cassy

2019 - Marcia Plummer and Sheila Williams

2021 - Edna Brown and Marie Gertha Charles

Consider nominating a lady of distinction
for the 2023 Awards!



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