

MICOG MWR Schedule 2024

Friday Evening September 13, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration, Welcome and Reception & Massages

8:00 – 9:15 p.m. Message – Lady Jessica Cyriaque-Staton

Worship Encounter – Sister Kim Salyer

Saturday, September 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Table DBS (Discovery Bible Study) Group/Devotions

10:30 a.m. Session I - Lady Jessica Cyriaque-Staton

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Free Time/Games

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Session II - Break Out Groups

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00-8:30 p.m. Session III - Lady Jessica Cyriaque-Staton

Worship Encounter/Prayer Sister Kim Salyer

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. Breakfast/Devotional Worship Music

10:00 a.m. Dismissal Jessica Cyriaque-Staton

The Michigan Church of God

40th Ministry Women's Retreat

“EXPAND”

Isaiah 54:2, 3a (GW)



Speaker: Lady Jessica Cyriaque-Staton



September 13-15, 2024

**Saint Francis Retreat Center
703 Main Street
DeWitt, MI 48820**

Jessica Cyriaque-Staton serves with her husband, Pastor Mark Staton II, at New Creation Church of God in Flint, MI and is grateful for NCC's legacy of love and community support. She is the mother to Mark Andrew (14) and Madilyn Rose (10) and considers motherhood her first ministry and greatest work. Jessica credits her strong family connection to her mother and grandmother who were phenomenal women, and the foundational church family that she had in her youth.

Jessica has served as a counselor, program manager, and non-profit director seeking equity and resources for those impacted by trauma and abuse. She provides advocacy, comfort, and empowerment as a Chaplain, Consultant, and Trauma Practitioner within Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland Counties. Currently, Jessica volunteers as a family advocate and group facilitator for local organizations and consults as an Associate Director for Revive Community Health Center in Flint, MI. She also holds multiple positions on local and national Executive Boards and Taskforces.

Jessica accepted her call to ministry under the leadership of Pastor Lawrence and Sis. Artelia Wyatt in 2002 at Southwestern Church of God in Detroit and has worked to bridge generational and cultural gaps within the Body of Christ. She has over 20 years' experience in Human Services in areas of career counseling, mental health, homelessness, trauma and abuse. In October 2018, Jessica launched The Good Fight, providing Family Advocacy and Trauma-Informed Care to communities in crisis.

"Lady J" (so affectionately called) seeks to leave a legacy of love and kindness for others to follow.

Sister Kim Salyer - Worship Leader Bio

Kim Salyer has been the Worship Leader/Office Manager at Farmington Hills Church of God, since August 2022, however, she was raised in the church and has served in the worship ministry from a young age. Growing up in a musical family, Kim's love of music only increased as it wove into worship. God continued to move in Kim's life and after 17 years of working in healthcare, God opened doors that allowed her to be where she is today. Kim and her husband, Ben, have two wonderful children, Bella (15) and Isaiah (10). The whole family loves music and regularly uses their God-given gifts and talents in the worship ministry. Kim is passionate about God, about people, and about worshiping through music. It brings her joy to gather together to worship with her brothers and sisters in Christ. Kim's goal each time she leads worship is to create an opportunity for people to open their hearts, cultivate an atmosphere that invites in the Holy Spirit, and allow each person to commune with and grow closer to God.



This year is the **40th Annual** retreat of the Michigan Ministry Women! **The theme for this year's retreat is "Expand." The scripture verse is taken from Isaiah 54:2, 3a (GW): "Expand the space of your tent and don't hold back, lengthen your tent ropes and drive in the tent pegs. You will spread out to the right and to the left."**

The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines expand as a transitive verb which is characterized by the verb having a direct object. These are the definitions of expand: 1. To open-up; unfold. 2. To increase the extent, number, volume, or scope of: enlarge. So what could we - women in ministry expand? What should we open, unfold, or enlarge? **It is the tent.**

The tent is a place where our souls dwell/live. Psalm 90:1 came to mind when I thought about the word dwell: "Lord you have been our dwelling place in all generations." Acts 17:28a states: "In Him we live and move and have our being." **The tent is where we perform our daily routines and have our sphere of influence.** God can expand the scope of our ministry. If we abide/dwell in Him, we can bear much fruit (John 15). Lastly, **the tent is our very being. It is where we express our creativity/persona.** This is who we are individually; each one in the likeness of God. God has uniquely designed us with our own personality, form, purpose, and our place in the Body of Christ. We can expand our being through education, work/career, spiritual gifts, fellowship, and service. The goal is to allow God to expand our total being into more Christ-likeness. God can lengthen our tent ropes and drive in the tent pegs and spread us out to the right and to the left! The God of all grace... He will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle us (1 Peter 5:10).