



A global Sisterhood. Rise with us!

Support. Love. Listen. Care. Encourage. Pray. Accept. Educate. Elevate.
We are a Sisterhood of personal/professional connections from every nation, tribe, and Christian denomination.

We are daughters, authors, leaders, bankers, wives, receptionists, nurses, moms, missionaries, veterans, pastors, scientists, stay-at-home moms, executives, marketers, educators, engineers, janitors, neighbors, doctors, volunteers, foster parents, coaches, students, chefs, entrepreneurs, retirees, caregivers, and friends.

We . . . are the divinely inspired *Sisterhood* of Women in Christian Leadership.

Meet Jeanne Porter, Founder of Women in Christian Leadership

Jeanne Porter's vision for Women in Christian Leadership was born from a deep passion to see women boldly step into the leadership roles to which God has called them. With decades of experience creating spaces where women are encouraged, equipped, and empowered, Jeanne understands the unique challenges women face in faith-based leadership—and the profound impact they can make when fully supported.



The organization began during the pandemic with two virtual programs—Coffee & Conversation and Roundtables—created to build connection when in-person gatherings weren't possible.

As fellowship needs grew, so did the ministry. In 2022, the first Christmas Celebration Luncheon became an annual tradition. In 2023, Morning Gatherings expanded into Dayton, Mason, Xenia, Lebanon, Centerville, and even New Zealand. Additional initiatives include mentorship, a Bible Study Podcast, It's HER Story Podcast, SisterSource, and Ministry in a Box, enabling chapters to launch nationally and internationally. The Women in Christian Leadership Academy will debut in 2026.

Jeanne's leadership is marked by authenticity, grace, and excellence—values that continue to shape the heart of Women in Christian Leadership. Through her vision and that of the board and Ministry Leadership Team, women are being empowered to influence their churches, workplaces, and communities in meaningful and transformative ways.

Her unwavering belief is simple yet powerful: *Empower women, and they will change the world.*



Our Mission

Women in Christian Leadership gathers to Encourage, Educate, and Empower women to live for Jesus Christ in God's glory.

The Power of Sisterhood

Women are more likely to seek support from friends (54% vs. 38%) and family (44% vs. 26%) [Pew 2025]

2 out of 3 Americans say all-female groups improve women's well-being [Pew 2025]

Peer support reduces stress, buffers against depression, and builds resilience [WHO, Barna, Gallup]

Why it matters: Every woman needs a safe place to belong, connect, and be uplifted in her faith journey.

The Leadership Gap

Women hold 39% of manager roles but just 29% of C-suite positions—and only 7% are women of color. [McKinley 2024]

Religiosity plays a powerful role in the workplace, significantly boosting employee engagement and, in turn, improving performance—accounting for an 85% overall impact. [Researchgate 2022]

Why it matters: Women need intentional pathways to grow in leadership, grounded in both faith and skill-building.

Christian women are among the most spiritually engaged in the nation.

- 🔑 For the everyday woman seeking encouragement and belonging, we provide a vibrant Sisterhood—a safe, faith-filled community of like-minded women.
- 🔑 For those ready to grow their influence, the Leadership Academy offers a structured curriculum of personal, professional, and spiritual leadership development.

Whether a woman comes for connection, growth, or both—she finds a place here to be encouraged, equipped, and empowered to live out her calling.

Together, we are building a global Sisterhood where every woman can belong, and every leader can rise.



Our Vision

To build a culture of sisterhood and equip women to know God's truth through His word and to live authentically through the love of Christ.



Women in Christian Leadership Programs

Connection & Community

Gatherings

Unites women for fellowship, worship, and encouragement.

Coffee & Conversation

Fosters authentic connections through casual faith-centered discussions.

Hybrid Roundtables

Connects women globally through interactive, dialogue-based sessions.

Watchwomen on the Wall

Mobilizes women in prayer to intercede for families, communities & world.

It's Her Story

Women's podcast: inspirational testimonies of faith & leadership.

The Christmas Gathering

Celebrates Christmas season with worship, connection, inspiration, and joy.

Mentorship & Growth

SisterSource

Provides faith-based directory to support women-owned businesses.

Lydia Volunteer Awards

Recognizes volunteers: Visionary Leadership and Lydia Leadership Awards.

New Member Connect

Welcomes & integrates new members to Women in Christian Leadership.

Ministry in a Box

Tools and resources to start new Women in Christian Leadership chapters.

Covenant Mentorship

Pairs women with mentors for spiritual guidance and leadership growth.

Leadership Development

Bread of Life

Podcasts that deepen discipleship through Scripture study and application to leadership.

Transformation Tables

Facilitates guided discussions for personal growth and leadership development under John C. Maxwell program model.

Leadership Academy

Women in Christian Leadership's Flagship Program to premiere in 2026. Provides biblically based leadership training, mentorship, and peer groups to equip Christian women to integrate faith and leadership.

Testimonials



Melissa Jones
New Zealand

Questions, triangular connections, and seeking new beginnings has brought Women in Christian Leadership into my life as an answer to prayer. In a transitional stage of life, God used His loving servants to reach out to me. Curious as to what God was up to, I responded to an unexpected message from Jeanne Porter. Sensing God wanted me to make a connection, I attended a virtual Coffee and Conversations session at 3 am my time. The casual, warm, inclusive environment filled my spiritual and emotional cup with a strong sense of belonging. Since then God has been whispering to me that this is just the beginning of the divinely appointed relationships he has planned for me, no matter where in the world I am.

Grace Mainapei
Kenya



The Lord is doing marvelous and wonderful things in my life. The teaching that I have been getting from Women in Christian Leadership, I have been sharing to my community members. It has been a blessing to my people. It has made me feel elevated, educated, and encouraged. Thanks very much for being my friend and my mentor.



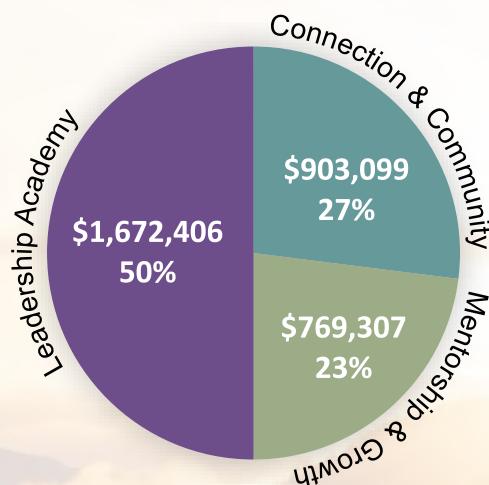
Lacy Owens
United States

My name is Lacy, and I was invited to attend a Women in Christian Leadership gathering at the UD Marriott in the spring of 2023. I became a member right away. I have always been a Christian, but I didn't realize how much this group of women would impact my relationship with Jesus. I had been missing out on a community of women with such strong faith and knowledge—women who provided me with the tools I needed to strengthen my walk with Him. Through this ministry, I've grown in my faith and confidence. They have given me direction, support, sisterhood, and prayer. I encourage anyone to get involved, whether it's the in-person gatherings, the virtual round tables, or the podcasts. It has truly been life-changing.

Three-Year Budget

	% of Budget	2026	2027	2028	Total
<u>Connection & Community</u>					
Gatherings					
Coffee & Conversation					
Virtual & Hybrid Roundtables					
Watchwomen on the Wall					
It's Her Story					
Christmas Gathering					
Connection & Community	27	\$206,847	\$296,811	\$399,441	\$903,099
<u>Mentorship & Growth</u>					
Sister Source					
Lydia Luncheon					
New Member Connect					
Ministry in a Box					
Covenant Creators					
Mentorship & Growth	23	\$176,203	\$252,839	\$340,265	\$769,307
<u>Leadership Development</u>					
Leadership Academy					
Bread of Life					
Leadership Development	50	\$383,050	\$549,650	\$739,706	\$1,672,406
TOTAL		\$766,100	\$1,099,300	1,479,412	3,344,812

Behind every number
is a woman equipped,
a community
strengthened, and a
future leader
prepared in Christ.



Why Sisterhood Communities Matter



Research from the U.S. and abroad demonstrate that sisterhood and intentional women's networks are not just “feel-good” extras. They are foundational to women's emotional resilience, mental health, growth, and long term well-being. Globally, peer-led women's groups strengthen belonging, build confidence, and accelerate both personal and leadership growth.

Women in Christian Leadership meets these needs by uniting leadership development, spiritual growth, and authentic sisterhood into a high-trust, faith-aligned community where women can rise together.

- † Women engage more sources—friends, family—for emotional support. [Pew]
- † Two-thirds ... say all-female social groups positively impact women's well-being. [Pew]
- † Under stress, women seek out female networks (“tend-and-befriend”)
- † Collectives offer emotional, companionship, esteem support amidst displacement.
- † Peer support improves symptoms of depression, provide trauma relief, and enhance self-esteem.
- † ‘Friendship Bench’ builds belonging, reduces stigma in mental health.
- † Helping others can therapeutically enhance one's own psychosocial well-being.



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