

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Friday, April 11

11:00 am	Registration/Light lunch
12:45 - 1:00 pm	Welcome/Announcements
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Main Session I
2:30 - 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Workshop
4:30 - 5:15 pm	Break (choir rehearsal)
5:15 - 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Main Session II (choir will sing)
8:00 pm	Prayer, fellowship, games and optional activities

### Saturday, April 12

8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 -10:15 am	Workshop
10:15 -11:00 am	Free Time & Pack up
11:00 -12:30 pm	Main Session III
12:30 -1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 -2:00 pm	Final matters



## MAIN SESSION TOPICS

**Session I** - The Call to Mentor:  
Relevant For Today

**Session II** - The Qualification of a Mentor:  
A Reputation of Goodness

**Session III** - The Commitment of Mentoring:  
A Relationship of Influence

## CONFERENCE LOCATION

Lakeside Conference Center  
195 Cloverdale Street  
Pittsfield, MA  
(800) 444-0253  
www.lakesideonline.org

## OFF CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS

*You must make your own reservations ASAP*  
Heart of the Berkshires Motel  
(413) 443-1255  
Ramada Inn (Rt.20, 1.2 miles)  
(413) 442-8714

## RETREAT CONTACTS

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20TH ANNUAL OPC WOMEN'S RETREAT  
FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK  
AND NEW ENGLAND

*“Generation  
to  
Generation”*

**Main Speaker  
Harleen Dizer**

**APRIL 11 - 12, 2014**

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## MAIN SPEAKER

Harleen Dizer



### Mentoring: A Legacy of Encouragement

Women long for connection and meaning. Where do today's women turn for friendship, advice, role models? Facebook? Google? Scripture makes it clear that God desires women in the church to connect in real life mentoring relationships.

Basing our study on Titus 2:3-5, we'll examine the relevance of this kind of relationship today, the biblical qualifications of a mentor, and how God expects us to grow through mentoring relationships.



Harleen Dizer loves teaching and discipling students, seeing them grow in the Lord, and helping them use their gifts for Him. She has had a varied career in public school, home school, and Christian schools, teaching from 12<sup>th</sup> grade English all the way down to ½ day kindergarten. During her time in New England, Harleen tutored ESL and led an English Bible study for internationals. As a member of Merrimack Valley OPC in N. Andover, MA, Harleen became involved in the women's retreat ministry of the Presbytery of New York and New England.

Harleen and her husband, Tom, now live in Dayton, OH, and are members of Redeemer OPC where Tom serves as an elder. They will soon celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They are blessed that their three grown children are walking with the Lord, and they have one darling granddaughter. In her spare time, if she ever gets any, Harleen loves to cook, sew, and occasionally bake a wedding cake.

## RETREAT WORKSHOPS

### You Will Know Them By Their Love - An Historical and Practical Examination of True Christian Hospitality - Kathy Scarbrough/Cindy Gregson

**Recovering a Biblical Understanding of Hospitality - Session I**  
Hospitality as exemplified and defined in the Scriptures is a command to all God's people toward believer and non-believer alike. We will examine key Biblical passages and stories to help define exactly what true hospitality should be in attitude and deed and how, when done properly, God uses it to promote covenant within the church and evangelize the unbeliever in our community.

**The Practice of Christian Hospitality - Session II**  
A practical discussion on acts of hospitality, with Q & A session. Topics covered will include preparing for guests - expected and unexpected, engaging a technologically consumed culture that is 'too busy,' and receiving hospitality.

### Women: God's Instruments for Noble Purposes - Olivia Durham

In order to function happily as women in the church (married, single, or widowed) we need to study the owner's manual. What do we have in common as women created to love God and glorify and enjoy him forever? How do our individual gifts fit into the needs of the church and the Great Commission? Come prepared to participate and discuss in this two part workshop:

**Session I - Lead On!** Recognizing that the OPC does not ordain women to church office, how best may women use their life experiences, providential talents, and spiritual gifts within the church for the glory of God?

**Session II - A Spiritual Goldmine:** A survey of refreshingly counter cultural examples of women theologians and fellow laborers for the kingdom, throughout the Scripture and some modern day examples as well.

### Leadership Wives: The Conflict Challenge - Dawna Selle

When there is conflict in the church, how do I best glorify God? How can I be an agent of peace when there is confusion and misunderstanding? In this workshop we will investigate the unique challenges, responsibilities, opportunities and responses to strife available to faithful elders' wives, leading to encouragement of the body of Christ during trying times.

## Workshops Continued -

### Being a Titus 2 Woman - Jan van der Jagt

This workshop offers a practical follow-up to the conference theme, "Generation to Generation", concentrating particularly on Titus 2:3-5. Using an interactive format, we will explore (1) what Biblical qualities define a woman who is to mentor other women, and (2) how she is to execute her responsibilities - whom she is to encourage, what she is to teach, and how she is to disciple.

## YOUNG WOMEN'S SESSIONS - Hidden Art

Keeping with the theme of this year's retreat, "Generation to Generation", the Young Women's Sessions will be using Edith Schaeffer's book, "The Hidden Art of Homemaking" for discussion times, facilitated by Arden Detweiler. "Hidden Art" is not so much a book about learning to cook, sew and clean although they are each in and of themselves becoming a "lost art", but rather, it is about encouraging us to create "home" where we are and in whatever stage of life we are in. Whether a teenager within a family, life in a dorm, a young single, a mother, sister or a grandmother, this book discusses how to bless others within your sphere of influence with the concept of creating an inviting space in order to minister and be ministered to.

Each teen who comes to the retreat will receive a copy of Edith Schaeffer's book. We will be attending "A Biblical Understanding Of Hospitality" workshop on Friday and "The Practice Of Christian Hospitality" workshop on Saturday taught by Kathy Scarbrough and Cindy Gregson. There will be discussion regarding Schaeffer's book when we are together in our cabin as well as participating in some creative things a la' Edith Schaeffer together. It should be an eye-opening time for all.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

### What to Pack

Bible, pillow, bedding/sleeping bag, towel, toiletries, flashlight, notebook, and board games.

### Resources

P&R Publishing Co. will provide a book table.

### Scholarships

See your church's retreat contact person or session about available scholarship funding for this retreat.

## REGISTRATION

Complete both sides and mail to registrar:

Elise Pasqualino

128 S. Melcher Ext., Johnstown, NY 12095

**Registrations must be postmarked by April 1, 2014**

**NO registrations will be accepted after this date.**

**Room assignments are made on a first come-first served basis.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

## COSTS

### Conference Fee (circle one)

Adult Registration \$65

Teen (minimum age is 13) \$35

### Lodging on Friday (circle one)

Lakewood Lodge \$40  
(4-6 persons per room with bath)

Sharon (Teens) \$30  
(20-30 persons per room with bath)

Bethel (Adults) \$30  
(20-30 persons per room with bath)

Off Campus (make your own arrangements)

### Optional Costs

#### Pre-conference arrangements

Lodging Thursday \$30

Dinner Thursday \$10

Breakfast Friday \$ 6

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKS ONLY - Payable to OPC Women's Retreat Committee**

## WORKSHOP CHOICES

### Friday (Choose ONE)

\_\_\_\_\_ You Will Know Them By Their Love (A Biblical Understanding of Hospitality - Session I) - Kathy Scarbrough/Cindy Gregson

\_\_\_\_\_ Women: God's Instruments for Noble Purposes (Lead On! - Session I) - Olivia Durham

\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Wives: The Conflict Challenge - Dawna Selle

### Saturday (Choose ONE)

\_\_\_\_\_ You Will Know Them By Their Love (The Practice of Christian Hospitality - Session II) - Kathy Scarbrough/Cindy Gregson

\_\_\_\_\_ Women: God's Instruments for Noble Purposes (A Spiritual Goldmine - Session II) - Olivia Durham

\_\_\_\_\_ Being a Titus 2 Woman - Jan van der Jagt

## DETAILS

Emergency Contact Number  
\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE - **Unaccompanied minors must submit a medical release form with their registration.**

Roommate preference:  
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Please let us know if you have any special needs or diet requirements:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ I play a musical instrument and I am willing to assist in providing music..

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sing in the choir

Please indicate if you do not want your name and contact information to be added to the retreat directory: \_\_\_\_NO

PLEASE PRINT and RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY APRIL 1, 2014