

“Intercessory prayer is not primarily about thinking that I know what someone else needs and trying to wrestle it from God. Rather, it is being present to God on another’s behalf, listening for the prayer of the Holy Spirit that is already being prayed for that person before the throne of grace, and being willing to join God in that prayer.”

—Ruth Haley Barton, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*

2024 WIMC Monthly Meeting Themes and Relational Needs

- ✚ Emotions: Part of Being Human and Caring Connections—*Acceptance*
- ✚ God Meets Relational Needs and Calls Us to Do the Same—*Appreciation*
- ✚ Meeting Relational Needs Makes Good Things Happen—*Approval*
- ✚ Gratitude Builds Strong Relationships—*Attention*
- ✚ Comfort Heals Hurt—*Comfort*
- ✚ Practicing Kindness and Giving—*Encouragement*
- ✚ Connected or Alone—*Respect*
- ✚ Relate DON'T React—*Security*
- ✚ Giving and Receiving—*Support*
- ✚ Celebrating Our Need



The WIMC has been strategic in recognizing and encouraging women to continue to be engaged in their calling—using their gifts, talents, and experience in every arena open to them. We have served and resourced women of differing ages, movements, ethnicities, and locations (e.g., Canada, the U.S., the Bahamas, and Central America). Our e-newsletters relate to the monthly meeting topic, and we have enjoyed guest speakers and engaging dialogue in 10 virtual meetings since we were together in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for our February 2022 annual conference.

In 2023, we highlighted a variety of dynamic topics as we facilitated dialogue around two leadership books: *The Jesus-Hearted Woman* by Jodi Detrick and *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership* by Ruth Haley Barton.

The Great Commandment Network has provided our WIMC leaders free access to the Relational Needs Growth Plans in digital flipbook format that will be used for our monthly meeting themes and dialogue topics. These may be accessed by using the QR code on the bookshelf below.



Following are **2023 monthly meeting themes** that included January and February 2024:

- ✚ Aligned for Mission—Cheryl Koop, Speaker
- ✚ Flourishing in Mental and Spiritual Wellness—Joanne Goodwin, Speaker
- ✚ Confidence, Authenticity, Humility—*The Jesus-Hearted Woman*—Part 1
- ✚ Stamina, Resilience, Courage—*The Jesus-Hearted Woman*—Part 2
- ✚ Self-Awareness, Kindness, Soul-Care—*The Jesus-Hearted Woman*—Part 3
- ✚ Finding Yourself in the Story—*Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*
- ✚ Experiencing Hope and Freedom in Solitude—*Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*
- ✚ Paying Attention to Burning Bushes and Callings—*Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*
- ✚ Guiding Others on the Spiritual Journey—*Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*
- ✚ Leadership as Intercession—*Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*
- ✚ From Isolation to Leadership Community—*Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*



Relational Needs Growth Plans Bookshelf for 2024 Meetings