

# Soar To New Heights To Love, Live, Lead

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles..."* Isaiah 40:31



## 2009 Women's Conference Highlights



*by Barbara Bach*

One year ago God confirmed the word, spoken through Cathy Aubuchon to me, and tweaked and changed what the 2009 Eastern Region Women's Conference would look like. Previously, we've invited one guest speaker to share throughout the whole conference with one theme. This year we invited three guest speakers, all our own Open Bible, gifted women. Our theme within a theme was: Soar To New Heights to Love, Live, Lead. The "Soar To New Heights" was birthed from a personal illustration shared by Nancy Rupli at our National Women's Board Meeting, February, 2008. The "Love, Live, Lead" was birthed from that gathering, as



well. It's a new day with our National Women's Ministries Director, Kris Beard. We were blessed to have her join us this year, along with Jeanne Rodgers, Southeast Regional Women's Ministries Director. God used each speaker mightily through their unique, individual personality; some BIGGER than others, right Jeanne?

Nancy masterfully shared the difference between flapping and soaring. She gave us five reasons why we stay grounded, followed by powerful, liberating ministry.

Jeanne, in her BIG personality, brought us to the throne of our AWESOME God and His LOVE!

I shared on, "How Then Shall We LIVE?" Life is a journey; good times, difficult times, and it begins at home with those closest to us.

Kris helped us see the difference between baggage and luggage and challenged us to get rid of the baggage so that we can LEAD.

### THREE GUEST SPEAKERS

JEANNE RODGERS



NANCY RUPLI



KRIS BEARD



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Our GrowthShop Speakers were outstanding!

Jill Neilson - Brampton, Ontario  
ME - A Work In Progress

Renita Collins - St. Clair Shores, Michigan  
Remain Focused

Cathy Aubuchon - Louisville, Kentucky  
Knowing the Voice of God to Find His Will

DeAnn Allen - Gahanna, Ohio  
How can I Fly with a Broken Wing?

RENITA COLLINS



JILL NEILSON



CATHY AUBUCHON



DEANN ALLEN



Tiffany Bowman gathered the **young women** together to encourage them that there are "No Limits - No Boundaries" what they can become because of who God created them to be if they only believe.

Tiffany and friends from Amazing Grace, Wheeler, Michigan joined our worship leader, Deanna Dickinson to lead us in powerful worship, along with fun Wake-Up to Worship.

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DEANNA DICKINSON

We were blessed to have 47 women from Canada join us. We are expanding! We all left this conference determining to "Soar To New Heights" to Love, Live, Lead. As Michelyn prayed during worship on Saturday AM, "May this not just be an event but life changing!" If you were unable to attend this year's conference, I'm sorry. My prayer is that you won't want to miss out on coming together with women from across the region for encouragement and to not feel alone. Next year's conference will be October 15-16 at the Columbus Airport Marriott. Mark your calendar now for the 2010 Eastern Region Conference!

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