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October 16, 2024

Director's Letter 2025

It is my pleasure to announce **the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Niagara Ladies Retreat from March 21-23, 2025**, at the renowned White Oaks Resort and Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara, Ontario.

Niagara Ladies Retreat (NLR) endeavors to be true to its mission, to be a place where women will recognize and develop their calling and can minister to other women. This year we gather under the theme **"Beauty for Ashes."** In Isaiah 61:3, God gave an encouraging word to the grieving people of Israel, He would *"bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor"* (NIV). This was a profound reminder of God's commitment to the care of His people. It speaks to His redemptive power and describes His heart of love and concern for each of us. Despite the ashes of grief, shame, failures, pain and loss, our covenant keeping God will bring restoration and enact a glorious exchange – beauty for ashes. Beauty for ashes defines our hope, which is rooted in our great salvation. No destructive force in our lives is greater than His power to redeem.

**Our Special Guest Speakers include:**

- ◆ Min. Esther Chouloute, Church of God of Prophecy, Bronx, New York
- ◆ Dr Shane Joseph, RSW, MBA, DSW, Reg. Social Worker, Psychotherapist & Consultant

**Special Features:**

- ◆ Full registration paid for person who invites the most first timers
- ◆ Women of Excellence Award
- ◆ Breakfast with the Golden Girls
- ◆ NLR Community Impact Program - [One Child Fund - COGOP Global Missions](#)
- ◆ Next Gen Chill & Chat
- ◆ Saturday morning GospelGroove Workout

**Occupancy per person:**

- ◆ Quad - \$365
- ◆ Triple - \$390
- ◆ Double - \$445
- ◆ Single - \$600

**Registration fee includes accommodation, 5 meals, access to hotel facilities (gym, pool) and NLR t-shirt.**

**Please visit our website for more information and to register - [www.niagaraladiesretreat.com](http://www.niagaraladiesretreat.com) – Registration opens on November 1, 2024.**

I thank you for your faithful support over the years and urge you to encourage your sisters to join us in a time of restoration and transformation.

***Beauty for Ashes!***

*Sophia Pringle*  
Retreat Director

