



March 2016 Newsletter

Upcoming Event

Mark your calendar!



July 28 - 31, 2016

Recharge

Refresh

Renew

Video:

[Triennial 2016](#)

Sheraton at
Crown Center
Kansas City, MO

Register NOW!!

\$399.00

Jan. 16 - April 15, 2016

Group discounts
are available.

Visit website:

[Triennial](#)

Things to do before or after Triennial XV

Tours and excursions
are listed on the
website to assist you
in discovering the

Thoughts Shared

By Suzanne Gradin, Colorado

Coordinator

As I left lunch with a friend yesterday, I felt an overwhelming sense of peace. She still works at my old workplace, and we'd eaten in their cafeteria. As I waited to order lunch, I saw dozens of old coworkers, and was greeted with hugs, smiles, and exclamations (I'm very obviously pregnant). There was such a sense of 'right-ness,' of acknowledging the mark we'd had on each other's lives, of recognition that each of us had brought bits of joy to each other during my ten years there. But it was also right to leave! I smiled contentedly as I left, knowing that God had called me away from there. It wasn't heaven or a utopia (what workplace is?!), but that didn't mean God hadn't worked in amazing ways during my time there.

As I left, I thought about the importance of maintaining bridges, of transitioning well, and of continually becoming a new creation, even when it means leaving the old, comfortable, good things behind. God clearly closed the door for me at my old workplace. But he didn't close the door on all of those relationships (some he did!). He's asked me to continue to honor those relationships, the work He did, and to be able to point to Him as the author of love, unity, forgiveness and respect in those relationships (all of which might have been hard-won!).

How about you? Are you in the midst of transition? Are you in a place where you can see how God worked in your old life and glorify Him for it? Is God still allowed to work in those relationships you left behind? As you continually become a new creation, do you invite Him to redeem your past? There is a redeemer - Jesus, God's own son, to quote the old hymn. How is He working on your life - your past, present and future - right now?

AVA Training

(Advocates for Victims of Abuse)

culture
& history of Kansas
City.

Part of Triennial is

Raise the Flag

In 2016 we will be
bringing a woman from
Congo to Triennial as well
as visit some churches in
our conference.

Her traveling
companion/translator
will be Marta Klein
Covenant missionary
This requires us to raise
\$6,000.00.

Funds may be sent to our
Midwest Conference
Women Ministries
Treasurer

Information on our
website: [Midwest](#)

April 2, 2016

\$25.00 per person
(includes lunch and all needed materials)

Trainer: **Yvonne DeV Vaughn**
Director of AVA for Evangelical Covenant

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Packets with information have been sent to your church.

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