



## WOMEN OF PURPOSE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

### Our History

Women of Purpose International Network(WOPIN) is a registered non-profit Christian organization. The organization was started in 1999 by Rev Stella Ebegbuna. Due to the volume of appointments for counselling that Rev Stella was getting and invitations from different places coming her to speak to women, she prayed about what to do and the Lord Jesus put a burden and a vision in her heart to raise up women who will help to raise up and mentor other women.

She shared the vision with her husband and then with members of the church where she congregation. The first breakfast meeting of Women of Purpose was held in Lagos, Nigeria in March 1999. It was a huge success and several women indicated their desire to be a part of the ministry.

The name was changed to Women of Purpose International network in 2006 due to the fact that other women ministries were known by the previous name. Since then the organization has spread and WOPIN members are now in several nations.

With over 20 years experience in Christian ministry; Rev Stella is a seasoned handmaiden of the Lord Jesus with a strong passion for prayer, reaching the unsaved, raising up leaders, and mentoring women from every sphere of life. She delights in seeing people reach their full potential in God and believes strongly that everyone is valuable. Rev Stella Ebegbuna is also the Vice President of Firebrand International Gospel Missions and Vice President of Tree of Life International Churches. She along with her husband, Apostle John Ebegbuna has apostolic oversight over several churches which they have planted all over Africa.

### Our Name

The name Women of Purpose International Network reflects the purpose of this international, interdenominational women's organization.

A Woman of Purpose is a woman who has a new birth relationship with Jesus and through this relationship she is able to find her true identity and worth. A Woman who because of who she is in Christ is committed to her God given mandate.

**The name of the ministry is taken from the story of Esther. “ .....who knoweth thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this.”(Esther 4:14)**

Esther was a Jewess(A child of God based on covenant relationship) in a strange land. She got to the highest post obtainable to a woman in her days (married to the king of

Babylon), a woman of prayer and action. She was ready to risk all to fulfill her God given goal and objective. She allowed herself to be used of the Lord to turn around the captivity of His people.

Secondly, the word 'Network' reflects our basic organizational structure. We are women of many cultures, races and denominations joined together by our commitment to a specific purpose.

The Women of Purpose International Network membership is open to women of twenty years and above.

### **Our Aims and Objectives**

- To reach women with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- To raise up women from every nation with a primary aim of reaching others with the gospel of the Lord Jesus.
- To help women fulfill their God given purpose.
- To minister to the spiritual, physical and psychological needs of women.
- To encourage women to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To raise up praying women who knows what it means to fast, pray and wait in the Lord at all times. Women who rule through prayer.
- To help raise strong marriages and homes based on the Word of God.
- To equip, disciple and mentor women for ministry.
- To minister healing, deliverance and counseling to women in need.
- To educate and rehabilitate underprivileged women.

### **Why a Ministry to Women**

*In Acts 2:17-18 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:"*

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on all flesh (both men and women) for service.

**WOMEN NEED THE GOSPEL:** Women currently account for about half of the total world population. They need need to hear the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

**WOMEN HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE ON GOD'S HEART:** The Lord has a special plan for women. Women need to understand why they were created, their potential, purpose and place in the body of Christ and the world at large.

**WOMEN HAVE PECULIAR NEEDS:** Women of all nations have spiritual, physical and emotional needs. They face some challenges and needs that are quite different from those of men. Women need to know that there are solutions to their problems in Christ Jesus.

WOMEN NEED TO GROW SPIRITUALLY: Women need to develop dedication, devotion, discipline and direction for living.

### **Our Purpose**

The purpose of this organization/ministry is to raise up an international network of women who are dedicated to Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, conforming into the image of Christ and fulfilling Divine purpose in their sphere of influence.

### **Our Mission Statement**

“Women advancing God's Kingdom by serving Him in their sphere of influence”

### **Organizational Structure**

Rev Stella Ebegbuna is the founding President and Executive Director of Women of Purpose international Network.

THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD: The ministry is governed by an International Board of 6 persons.

THE REGIONAL BOARD: the regional boards are responsible for the different continents where women of Purpose International operates. They are answerable to the International Board.

THE NATIONAL BOARD: the national board oversee women of purpose in the nations where they are and come under the care of the national board.

**Chapters:** Chapters of women of purpose International Network are under the care and oversight of the national board.

The coordinator of the local Women of Purpose International Network Chapter must:

- Be a born again, Bible believing, Spirit filled woman of vision and purpose with a good report.
- She must be committed to the organizational mission and purpose.

Other local chapter officers are a deputy coordinator, secretary, treasurer and leaders of various ministry outreaches.

### **Our Corporate Projects**

Our corporate projects are binding on all the chapters

1. Reaching out to women with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Prison ministry to female inmates, drug addicts, prostitutes, women with HIV-AIDS, hospitalized, elderly women and providing discipleship and rehabilitation for the converts.
3. Working with the local churches through helping to build strong women's ministry and outreach arm.
4. Currently seeking to build a home for ex-prostitutes and another one for female orphans.
5. Every three seconds a child somewhere in the world dies from hunger related diseases. It is our hope as a body of believing women that we can help by reaching around the globe and making an impact in the lives of these children.
6. Supporting women who are called into mission field and the ministry.
7. Other projects that the Lord will mandate us to carry out in the future.

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