

## **OWLS (Ordained Women Leading and Serving)**

### **Foundational Scriptures:**

*Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment...Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you. (Judges 4:4-5, 8-9, NIV)*

*You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. (Titus 2:1)*

*Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. (Hebrews 13:7)*

**Description:** OWLS (Ordained Women Leading and Serving) are Gordon- Conwell alumnae who are established leaders in ministry and various areas of pastoral expertise. We are:

- Women who were in the MDiv or DMin program and went on to ordained or credentialed ministry work of any kind
- Women from any degree program who went on to be either ordained or credentialed as pastors or chaplains
- Women who are in ministry, but whose denomination or position does not require or affirm formal ordination or credentialing
- Women who are retired from any of the above

**Purpose:** As OWLS, we seek to:

- Provide relationships designed to support, encourage, and equip each other and Gordon-Conwell women students and recent graduates who are called to ministerial leadership.
- Model a Christ-centered life of prayer, teaching, and worship in accordance with sound doctrine.

**Plan:** As OWLS, we seek to:

- Connect with women students and recent graduates who are considering a variety of ministry callings (ordained, pastoral, chaplaincy, and those uncertain in their call).
- Commit to walking alongside, encouraging, and equipping these students and recent graduates as they discern their call—in seminary and beyond.

**Participation:** For more information, contact us at:

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