

SISTERHOOD APPLICATION

REFERENCE GUIDE



LETTERS FROM OUR TEAM



Hey sis! Congratulations on beginning this new journey with us! I'm so happy to have you join G&G Empowerment Group (GGEG) and I'm even more excited to watch you grow.

Throughout this process I pray that something inside of your spirit is awakened and you have the tools to grow as individuals and as a group. GGEG is built on the principles of empowerment, support and unity and I hope you feel all of these things as we go on our journey together.

GGEG was established when I was my worst self. For years I struggled with depression and anxiety, but God had other plans for me. It was in that time that I discovered that God had created me to form this organization. So often we depend on our friends and families during our darkest hours instead of God, but at the end of the day, He is the only one that will always be there for you.

After I experienced back-to-back tragedies in my family, all I could think was "Man, there are other people in the world that are going through similar or worse things than I am." From that, it was important for me to listen to what God placed on my spirit and start this organization.

God has positioned me in this world to serve you. I love and care about you and your well-being. I've been praying for you even before I knew you. It's absolutely no mistake that you're here. I'm so grateful that God has placed you in my life and that He has brought you into this program.

I pray that through this program, you are able to grow closer to God and let the enemy know that when he bites, YOU BITE BACK! There is no mountain big enough to block the blessings God has ordained over your life. I'm so excited to have you here and I know that this experience is going to be rewarding for you. As a woman, human, leader and peer mentor, I promise to be transparent with you at all times and value you as both a member of this organization and an individual. Get excited about your journey and fall in love with your testimony! I'm looking forward to continuing my journey with you!

Danielle Burruss, Founder & Lead Vessel

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Welcome! I'm so happy you decided to make the decision to be apart of this movement! You should honor yourself for making such a big decision that could stay with you both now and generations to come. I can't wait to talk to each and everyone of you! I joined G&G Empowerment Group (GGEG) to get a better grip on my life. In a nutshell, I wanted to find a community of like minded individuals that love Jesus.

I have a lot of flaws and I'm an imperfect person, but in this organization, I know that I can be myself. This is a place to come with expectations that God is going to do some amazing things in your life. GGEG is a sisterhood that will leave you feeling filled up after each gathering. Here you have a home and will always feel welcomed.

My role here is to support you in the best ways possible. We provide tons of resources to help you stay focused throughout the weeks and months to come.

My prayer is that attending GGEG functions will become something that you look forward to as we dive into our program and journey together.

It's easy to be tempted and distracted if you're not careful and aware that the enemy will do whatever it takes to keep you in a place of stagnation. Your sisters at GGEG won't let him get the opportunity to come close to you!

I pray that throughout this journey, I'm changed by your stories and I pray that I become the leader that you count on me to be. I hope that you will be lighter as you leave any of our events. I pray that the God that lives inside of you is awakened and every time you step into a room people will see a physical representation of God's love.

Stick with us until the end and don't be afraid when you stumble because we all are at some point. Get ready to enter into a new season of your life!

Myra Richardson, Co-Founder

OUR MISSION & VALUES

MISSION

Through a Christian-based curriculum, our mission is to empower, support and encourage members to grow as individuals while forming lasting relationships.

VALUES

Encourage: We encourage our members to form a closer relationship with Christ while forming relationships with their sisters

Empower: We empower our members to invest in their personal wellbeing and give back to their community

Support: We support our sisters by providing a safe space for them to talk about their problems throughout their spiritual and personal journeys

Discipleship: We serve God in all that we do and take care of our neighbors

Responsibility: As God's children, we are responsible for sharing The Good News with those around us



SISTERHOOD AGREEMENT

1. As a member of GGEG, I will hold my sisters to high standards. I understand that we are all on a journey to become better individuals and I will encourage my sisters not to settle for less than God has destined for them (Galatians 6:1-2).
2. I understand that I'm not perfect and neither are my sisters. I will be slow to anger and quick to reconcile in the event that we have a disagreement (Matthew 18:15-17).
3. In the event that I cannot attend a meeting or gathering, I will notify a GGEG team member. I understand that my presence is important, so I will be sure to attend any and all meetings.
4. If there is a disagreement between myself and another member, I will not share this information on social media. Instead of going to social media, I will approach my sister and figure out a solution to our problem. I understand that my sisters are here to support me and will act as a mediator in the event of confrontation (Leviticus 19:16, Matthew 18:15-17).
5. What happens at GGEG gatherings will stay there. I understand that our gatherings are a safe space and my sisters will be sharing personal information. I vow not to share their information with other members, my friends, family or anyone else without their permission. (Titus 3:2)
6. GGEG gatherings are a NO JUDGMENT ZONE. (Matthew 7:1-5)
7. I will not engage in gossiping, backbiting, etc. I understand that engaging in these types of activities is counterproductive and may potentially have a lasting impact on my sisters. (Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 6:16-19)

MEMBERSHIP DUES & OTHER COSTS

GEGG requires all members to pay a yearly fee of \$50. This membership fee covers the following:

- Orientation materials
- Refreshments, journals, goodie bags, etc.
- GEGG T-Shirts
- Costs associated with workshop presenters
- Discipleship tools (devotional materials)

****Note:** This cost does not cover any activities/outings we will include in our schedule.**

If you cannot pay the membership fee all at once, there is a payment plan available (see a GEGG team member for more information). Also, financial assistance is available to cover some or all of your membership costs. Please notify Danielle or Myra as soon as possible if you are in need of any financial assistance. Also, if you are unable to pay to participate in any activities, please contact a GEGG team member. This information is confidential and will not count against you in any way, shape or form.

****Note:** You are not expected to payback any funds borrowed from GEGG under any circumstances.**



MEETING SCHEDULE

"WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM." - MATT 18:20

Throughout each month, G&G Empowerment Group meets between once and twice a week. Every Sunday at 6 PM, the organization as a whole (Cohort 1 & 2) will meet for our Sunday Prayer Call.

During our Sunday Prayer Call, we do a quick check-in with each member, share a short message of encouragement, create a mini homework assignment and cover each other in prayer as we all enter into a new week. This call is held over Zoom to ensure ease of access for all members.

Every (2) weeks, we will meet in-person for "Sister Circle." For the first month of Cohort 2 being in the program, our Sister Circle meetings will include both Cohort 1 & 2. After orientation is held in May, each cohort will meet separately beginning in June. During our Sister Circle meetings, we have workshops, activities, etc. to help bring us closer together.

There will be a number of opportunities throughout the program for the two cohorts to meet together aside from being together for the Sunday Prayer Call.



AFTER YOU HAVE READ THE REFERENCE GUIDE, PLEASE
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