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## **AGLOW INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS WITH WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE: One of the Largest Christian Organizations Celebrates 40 Years – 6,000 Women from 100 Countries Gather in Seattle**

**SEATTLE, August 29, 2007** – Aglow International, one of the world's largest Christian organizations, is observing its 40<sup>th</sup> year of service with an international conference Sept. 20-23 in Seattle, the founding city of the global women's ministry.

"For four decades, Aglow has helped develop paths of service and leadership for women around the world," said Jane Hansen, Aglow president and CEO. "In September, we will celebrate Aglow's heritage and rededicate ourselves to influencing our world for good."

Titled "A Voice, Not an Echo," the international event will attract more than 6,000 Aglow constituents and Christian leaders from more than 100 countries, including many from Africa, Europe, and the Middle East where Aglow has a focused outreach to Muslim women. Keynote Speakers will include: **Hansen; Che Ahn**, president of Harvest International Ministry; **Lou Engle**, founder of the Justice House of Prayer (The Call); **Robert Stearns**, founder of Eagles' Wings (Day of Prayer for Peace in Jerusalem); **Barbara Yoder**, senior pastor of Shekinah Christian Church and **Chuck Pierce**, president of Glory of Zion International Ministries.

Although conference speakers will underscore Aglow's three organizational mandates: male and female reconciliation, teaching Christians to understand the belief structure of Islam while loving the Muslim people and supporting the nation of Israel; the theme seeks to highlight the unique role of women in the world.

"In an age of growing gender confusion, Aglow helps women understand their uniquely created roles allowing them to effectively influence their families, churches and communities," said Hansen. "We want women to recognize their significance, not being silenced or disregarded, but rather respected and received – speaking wisdom and truth as they were created to do."

At each conference, Aglow participants donate monetary and in-kind donations to a compassion organization located in the host city. This year, Aglow will partner with Treehouse ([www.treehouseforkids.org](http://www.treehouseforkids.org)), a non-profit organization devoted to dramatically improving the lives of foster children in the Greater Seattle area by "filling in the gaps" in the state-funded system.

Aglow began in 1967 with four Christian women who met together across denominational boundaries for prayer and fellowship. Today, Aglow has grown to include more than 21,000 leaders and 4,700 indigenous groups in nearly 170 countries, including some that are traditionally closed to Christianity. Through this worldwide network, Aglow ministers to an estimated 17 million people each year through prayer, teaching, and acts of compassion.

## ***Aglow 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

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### **Conference Schedule Highlights**

#### **8-10 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007**

- Opening Worship Service, Music by **Ron Kenoly**
- Remarks by **Jane Hansen**, President

#### **9:00 a.m.- 10:30 p.m., Friday, Sept, 21, 2007**

- 9 a.m. to noon - **\*\*Opening Celebration with an International Flag Parade, Lively Music, and Sounds of People Groups; Speakers *Jane Hansen* and *Joanne Meckstroth*, Aglow Director for the Northwest Region**
- 2:30 to 4 p.m. ***Che Ahn***
- 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. – “Guest Night” featuring ***Lou Engle***, founder of The Call assemblies, an international movement of gatherings of young adults for prayer and fasting. ***Miri Ben-Ari***, Grammy award-winning hip-hop violinist will perform.  
***\*\*This segment of the conference is free and open to youth and young adults\*\****

#### **9:00 a.m.- 10:30 p.m. Saturday, September 22, 2007**

- 9 a.m. to noon - ***Robert Stearns***
- 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. - ***Barbara Yoder***
- 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. – ***Chuck Pierce***

#### **Sunday, September 23, 2007**

- 9 a.m. to noon - Closing Session Recognizing Founders and Current Leaders

***\*\*Most Visual Photo/Video Opportunities***

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