

Year-Round Mentoring for Women in Leadership

with Ann Blaser and Veronika Sumova

Leaders



Ann Blaser has led women through Bible Study Fellowship International for thirty years, teaching Scripture classes for women and training leadership groups. Her work now consists of mentoring and advising other women who are teaching and training leaders in Bible Study Fellowship. She is responsible for visiting classes and observing the training and teaching taking place and for giving encouragement and shepherding to the teachers. She is involved in her church through discipling, teaching, and writing training materials.



Veronika Sumova is currently working for the European Commission as Information and Communication Officer. She leads communication campaigns related to the EU Internal Market as well as support available to small companies and startups in the EU. Veronika leads the young adults' ministry in her church and is a home group leader. Once a year she organizes a weekend retreat for about 60 young adults. She is very passionate about relational evangelism, discipleship, and the connection between faith and work. Veronika lives in Belgium but is originally from the Czech Republic.

Overview

GOAL: To provide training and mentoring for women who are leading others in the study of Scripture for life application, changed lives, and healthy relationships.

PLAN:

- An online kick-off session on September 1 at 14:00 EDT
- Six two-hour webinars and webinar assignments
- Three-day retreat in Budapest on 6-8 December, 2022
- Pre-Forum Conference at the 2023 Forum (19-20 May, 2023). Participants will still need to apply for the European Leadership Forum and will be responsible for paying Forum fees in order to participate in the 2023 Forum. Participants must also pay for their own travel expenses.

PARTICIPANTS: Ten to twelve women who are currently ministry leaders in their church or in a Christian organization and who are willing to receive training throughout the year to find ways to improve their leadership abilities in teaching the Bible, training other leaders, mentoring, and shepherding different groups in the church.

QUALIFICATIONS: Each participant should be involved in leading others. They could be serving as staff members in their church or organization, or be volunteers. They should be involved in a

ministry, teaching, and be a spiritually mature Christian.

COMMITMENTS: In addition to submitting an application, in order to be accepted as a participant, you will need to commit to:

1. Attend all sessions, including the kick-off session on September 1, the six webinar sessions throughout the year, the three-day retreat on 6-8 December 2022, Pre-Forum Conference in Wisla, Poland at the 2023 Forum (19-20 May, 2023) and the scheduled group activities at the annual European Leadership Forum.
2. Access all webinars on a computer with adequate broadband internet connection.
3. Thoroughly review a selection of pre-assigned materials before each webinar. These materials will consist of books, book chapters, and articles, as well as online videos.
4. Secure copies of all required readings.
5. Complete all pre- and post-webinar writing assignments by their assigned due dates (writing assignment TBD).
6. Pay the necessary fees. *See below for retreat fees.* For the 2023 Pre-Forum Conference, the fees are 80 Euros for a Double Room and 90 Euros for a Single Room / 68 Euros for scholarship recipients.
7. In order to be accepted to next years' European Leadership Forum all Year-Round Mentoring participants will need to nominate two other leaders for the following year Year-Round Mentoring which includes personally contacting and recruiting them by email.

2022 RETREAT: All Year-Round Mentoring participants will meet with Ann and Veronika in Budapest for a three-day retreat from noon to noon on 6-8 December. Please schedule your travel so that you arrive on time and depart after all sessions are over. The participant fees for the retreat are 150 Euros, or 100 Euros for scholarship recipients. For the retreat, non-scholarship recipients also have the option, which must be chosen in the application form, of paying 190 Euros in order to stay in a single room. Participants are also responsible for their own travel expenses.

Webinars: Dates, Topics, and Assignments

The current plan for Women in Leadership mentoring includes the following six two-hour webinars.

Webinar One: Eight Choices That Will Change a Woman's Life by Jill Briscoe Publisher: Howard Books

September 1, 2022 – 1:00 PM EST

The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions you may have about the assignment and fellowship.

1. Read “Eight Choices That Will Change a Woman’s Life” by Jill Briscoe and answer questions in preparation for this session.

Webinar Two: Leading one-on-one, Relational Wisdom and Speaking Comfort into Difficult Situations

October 6, 2022 – 1:00 PM EST

1. The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions you may have about the assignments and fellowship.
2. Listen to 1) Ole-Magnus Olafsrud: [Along-Sider: How Do We Come Along-side People as Co-Laborers?](#) 2) Ann Blaser: [Speaking Comfort In Difficult Situations](#).

Webinar Three: Homiletics

November 3, 2022 – 1:00 PM EST

1. The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions you may have about the assignments and fellowship
2. Participants will practice Homiletics.

Webinar Four: Respectable Sins by Jerry Bridges

February 2, 2023 – 1:00 PM EST

1. The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions you may have about the assignments and fellowship
2. Reading *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges

Webinar Five: Leading (small) groups

Mar. 2, 2023 – 1:00 PM EST

1. The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions about the assignments and fellowship.
2. Listen to Emanuel Tundrea on [“Discipleship in Small Groups: Developing Disciple-Making Leaders in Real Time”](#) and Ann Blaser on [“Helping People to Mature Through Group Bible Study”](#) and be ready to discuss it in preparation for this session.

Webinar Six: Prioritizing, Time-management and Ministry Decisions

Apr. 6, 2023 – 1:00 PM EST

1. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions you may have about the assignments and fellowship time.
2. Listen to John Lenton: [“Time Management”](#) and Dave Patty: [“Finding the Will of God”](#)

December Retreat Assignment

Date and Location: from noon to noon on 6-8 December 2022 in Budapest.

Assignment: Do Three-Step Method of Study over Ephesians 1 & 2. Do Homiletics for Ephesians 1.

Fees: 150 Euros, or 100 Euros for scholarship recipients. For the retreat, participants also have the option of paying 190 Euros in order to stay in a single room. The **only way** to stay in a single room at the retreat is to choose this 190 Euros option **on your YRM application form**. Participants **may not** alter the reservation upon checking in.

Application Process

To apply:

1. Complete the [online application](#).
2. Once we receive your application form, we will review your application and let you know if you are accepted into the program within four to six weeks.

If you have questions, please contact us at initiatives@euroleadership.org.