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*Flourish, hosted by Cornerstone for Women Leaders in partnership with Apply It Consulting and Young Consulting Services, convened women leaders on May 21, 2026, at Visitation Hotel in Frederick, Maryland for an evening focused on the theme, “Creativity as a Calling.”*

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# Old Venue, **Fresh Spirit**

Flourish is hosted in the historic Visitation Hotel in the heart of downtown Frederick. Originally a monastery and later a respected academic institution, the 200-year-old property has carried a legacy of formation and care for generations.

Through Flourish, that legacy takes on fresh meaning. **In a region not widely known for strong religious engagement, God has opened a space in the center of the city where women can once again be poured into, this time through spiritual renewal, leadership development, and the empowering presence of His Spirit.**

What has long belonged to Him still carries purpose, and Flourish is honored to steward this new season.



## STRONG ENGAGEMENT

*High level of participation reflects the strong resonance of the event's theme around creativity and the value attendees placed on gathering for connection and leadership development.*

**97%**

Attendance Rate  
60 Registered; 58 Attended

**98%**

Positive Guest Feedback  
in Post-Event Survey

## EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Guests praised the fellowship, intentional event decor, dance performance, and immersive keynote experience. Their feedback reflects Flourish's success in creating an inspiring experience and opportunities for deeper reflection on their personal and professional lives.*

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**37**

*Organizations Represented  
from Across the Tristate*

**9**

*Industry Sectors  
with Women from Various Roles*

## **A RICH TAPESTRY**

*The variety of women leaders in attendance reflected a mix of experiences, industries, backgrounds, and stages of leadership. This dynamic created an environment where different perspectives were shared, valued, and explored.*

**10**

*Cities Represented  
Across 9 Counties in 3 States*

**19**

*Event Sponsors  
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*“After attending Flourish, one practical change I plan to apply to my work is to continue pursuing the hard things God is placing in my path to do for Him.”*

**JESSICA CABRERA**

# METROPOLITAN BALLET THEATER & ACADEMY

*The Metropolitan Ballet Theater & Academy offered a compelling expression of the event's theme, "Creativity as a Calling." Their ballet performance added a*

*powerful visual and emotional dimension to the evening, and helped guests experience the theme both artistically and intellectually.*





*“It was powerful to select one of the five women in the Bible that did extraordinary things and dig in to how we feel aligned with them at this moment in time in our journey.”*

**KIM HIMES**

# MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

*An immersive keynote experience led by Sandra Lima Argo and Michelle Goldshlag from the Museum of the Bible centered on five women from the Bible to*

*guide guests through a layered learning experience. Guests drew connections to their own leadership and explored what it means to co-create with God.*







## LOCAL IMPACT

Faith House at the  
Frederick Rescue  
Mission

*Faith House Director, Ashley Garland, presented stories about women and children at Faith House. Ten percent of ticket revenue was donated to support workforce development for women in recovery and those overcoming homelessness at Faith House.*



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*for women leaders*

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