## **Dear Lead Bold Leader,**

Even before last fall's Lead Bold Conference, our leadership team was confident that 2019 was just the first of many Lead Bold conferences. We asked you all to save the date. We lined up 2020 speakers. We began listening to what God wanted us to do for our second annual conference. But we never could have predicted a world-wide pandemic would challenge/stretch/require us to think outside the in-person conference "box" and listen even more intently to how God was stirring.

Our leadership team - which now has grown to 13 amazing women in ministry - spent several months prayerfully considering how to best serve our Lead Bold community. Cancelling all together didn't feel right. We held tightly to the vision of the conference as a gathering space for women in all areas of ministry leadership to be refueled, revived and refocused. We just didn't know what that would look like in these uncertain times.

While all of us are experiencing some "screen fatigue" these days, we are confident that an online conference still allows attendees to experience connection--something all of us are in need of especially now--as well as teaching content from our incredible speakers. In many ways, it makes the conference even more accessible to women leading in ministry -- it's only one day with no overnight, the online access eliminates travel time, and ticket cost will be lower.

I am confident in God's leading and am convinced that a virtual Conference for 2020 is the answer to those many questions our leadership team started wrestling with several months ago. We've already seen Him providing resources, bringing new volunteers and continuing to lead in specific ways.

We hope you will join us - whether it will be your first or second Lead Bold Conference - for a time set aside for you to invest in your favorite leader...YOU!

Boldly Leading With You,

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