2026 S.H.E. RETREAT SPEAKER BIOS

Ivy Capinpin is an early education administrator. She serves the youth, young adults, and women in her church at Word of Truth. She is also involved in missions and loves reading, traveling, and gardening. (Speaker: Discipleship Contextualized)

Julia Haggard serves as a full-time Campus Missionary with Baptist Collegiate Ministries, reaching students at UH Manoa, where she focuses on women's ministry, discipleship, and leadership development. (Speaker: Discipleship Contextualized)

Suzane Large is a local girl from the Windward side of Oahu who has served alongside her husband, Andrew, in ministry for more than 20 years. Together, they have four children, three sweet grandbabies, and one enthusiastic dog. After Andrew retired from full-time ministry at Waikiki Baptist Church, they found a new church home at Pawa'a Community Church. She was drawn there by young people eager to learn, grow in God's Word, and who actually wanted to build relationships with older believers. Suzanne has embraced the Titus 2:3–5 calling to be an "older woman" who encourages and guides younger women.

Suzanne loves coffee, food, and the way both can bring people together to encounter Jesus. She believes we were created for food and fellowship! She is always happy to meet over coffee or to welcome new people to the weekly Ohana group that meets in her home. (Speaker: Discipleship Contextualized)

Denise Matthews serves full-time as the Senior Executive Assistant to President Adam Groza and the Women's Special Events Coordinator at Gateway Seminary.

Denise earned a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies from California Baptist University, along with a Ministry to Women Certificate and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Gateway Seminary. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at Gateway Seminary. Denise has taught at seminary events, women's conferences, and leadership cohorts with the California Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to teaching, she has created instructional videos for Gateway Seminary's Advance Program for women's ministry and directed a missions organization serving Africa for more than a decade.

Her passion is to equip women for the work God has set before them through their unique calling. Denise has a deep heart for spiritual formation and discipleship,

desiring to see women firmly rooted in their identity in Christ and confidently walking in obedience to His purpose for their lives. Denise and Mark have five adult children and eight grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys outdoor adventures with her family, popcorn, chocolate, and most of all, growing in her love for Jesus. (Speaker: Keynote and Life on Mission)

Kristen Slavens and her husband Dalton, live in Honolulu with their four children. She spent five years teaching at Kealakehe Elementary School on Big Island and has since become a homeschool mom, bringing her love for children and education into every part of her life. A devoted wife and mother, Kristen has a heart for serving families and finds joy in caring for others both at home and in the community. (Facilitator: Creative Masterpiece)

JennyLee Tam Sing is an educator, an administrator, and the Executive Director/co-founder of a non-traditional creative arts school which enriched the lives of children and seniors. Now retired, JennyLee enjoys her family and is an active grandmother. God blessed her with her family and JennyLee continues to thank Him with her life. (Speaker: Luminous Renewal)

Maela Tanigawa is married to Shane; together they have two fantastic boys who are 13 and 9 years old. She is a special needs mom, a nurse by trade, a lover of God's Word - and a pastor's wife, which is more surprising to her than anything else! She is delighted to be living here in Hawaii, where Shane pastors University Avenue Baptist Church. “It's good to be home!" (Speaker: Scripture Interpretation)

Phyllis Unebasami is an author, curriculum designer and leader who explores the intersection of personal faith and public life through writing and service. Phyllis is actively engaged in community and cultural initiatives, collaborating on projects with the Bishop Museum, Hakuhia, Moʻolelo Kūʻio, and the Hawaiian Music Perpetuation Society. Married to her partner, Lloyd, for over 30 years, she considers her family and friends to be her greatest blessings and deepest sources of joy. (Speaker: Life on Mission and Luminous Renewal)

Gay Williams is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Chaplain with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. Before moving to Hawaii in January 2019, she served as a Chaplain with the Colorado Springs Fire Department for 12 years. In her roles as a Spiritual Care and Mental Health provider, she has responded to numerous disasters

and crises in the US and internationally. She is currently a Doctoral Candidate at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Married to her high school sweetheart, John, for 43 years, she and John serve together as Directors for Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief. She also serves as the WMU President for HPBC. John and Gay are proud parents of four sons and three daughters-in-law, and grandparents to one grandson and one granddaughter. (Facilitator: Life on Mission)

Lingsze Wong is currently attending First Southern Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor, where she volunteers in various ministries. She also enjoys volunteering with her therapy dog, Tinkerbell. Lingsze was born in Hong Kong, grew up in Northern California, and attained a Bachelor's in Film Studies from UC Davis and a Master's in Library Science from San Jose State University. The Lord saved Lingsze while she was serving in the US Army as a quartermaster First Lieutenant. She credits her husband with playing an instrumental role in discipling her through the Bible. She has three children: Hanna (11), Eliza (9), and Xander (7). (Speaker: Life on Mission)