

# Labyrinth

Ministry of Dr. Dianne B. Collard

May/June 2016

## *Arts Charlotte—“for such a time as this”*

For this first time in thirty years of ministry, I have the privilege of working in a *local* ministry. While I'm still involved in Europe, I find myself deeply committed to the encouragement and education of artists and churches in the Charlotte region. Having had a multi-country, itinerant focus for so many years, this is a unique privilege and responsibility. Truly, it is a calling of God for "such a time as this". Thankfully, I do not have to do this task alone, but I have a Core Team of talented, committed people (such as Leigh Williams on right) that work with me. We are organizing into "artistic affinity communities"; developing our Advisory Council; and planning our strategy for the future. Sign up for our e-news at [www.artscharlotte.org](http://www.artscharlotte.org) to learn about upcoming activities.





## *May Speaking Events*

It was an unique opportunity in May to speak at the Campus Bible Church in Fresno, CA. as it was the first time that I've been asked to speak there since we left the staff position in 1979. And yet, there were so many women who came back to hear my message of "Finding Hope"!

In addition to speaking in the church, I shared on the "Freedom of Forgiveness" at a women's shelter which houses 30 women & their children called "Rescue the Children" which is sponsored by the Fresno Rescue Mission. I was so impressed with the facilities and the staff. My heart went out to the women who are trying, with God's help, to put their lives back together. One young women said, "This is the first time in my life I feel that someone cares about me." Pray for this ministry.

## *Ministry Opportunities and Challenges*

### *Schedule*

- *Coffee & Conversation: the Nexus of Art & Faith: 10 June (2)*
- *Attend A.F.F.N. Annual Convocation in Florida: 14-17 June*
- *ArtsCharlotte Gathering: 21 June*
- *Speak at Sozo Gallery, Charlotte: Lunch & Lecture: 23 June*
- *Writing Retreat (writing expanded/updated version of "I Choose to Forgive"): July*

## *Partnering in Ministry*

In order to fulfill God's call and open doors of ministry, financial and prayer partners are essential . PLEASE pray and respond.

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*The arts are the ultimate proof of the existence of God. (Makoto Fujimura)*