

# Chapter 8

## Advisors

In the early days of Aglow, Advisors played an important role as new Lighthouse Teams opened in towns across the nation and world. Having women in leadership was new to the Church and asking local advisors to approve leadership questionnaires, listen to messages, and help teams as they problem solved was a perfect way for Aglow and Pastors to work hand in hand in the community.

As time passed and the Body of Christ grew in recognizing women as leaders, we began to sense that we have an in-house system that recognizes the call upon the ministry, knows who Aglow is in the earth, and has been trained and equipped to help guide those in leadership positions below them. For that reason, it is no longer required for local Aglow groups to secure advisors when opening a new group. We will always hold dear the willingness of Pastor's to give of their time and advice to guide us in those formative years. Their support, love, and friendship still mean the world to us. Each one who carried the title of 'Aglow Advisor' is forever in our hearts.

Because advisors are no longer required for Aglow groups, there are no official handouts. We want you to build strong relationships with the Area Team over you, your State Leader, your Regional Director, and the Aglow International Headquarters, U.S. Field Office leadership. We love you. We are here for you and look forward to serving you in all ways that you need.

### FAQs

- **What do we do if we currently have an advisor?** Feel free to involve them when needed until their agreed upon time is completed and then send them a letter of appreciation thanking them for their time.
- **Can we keep asking past Aglow leaders to serve as advisors?** If those Aglow leaders are attending yearly Aglow functions and keeping up with what God is speaking to the ministry, you can; however, we strongly urge you to build those important relationships with those in leadership over you.
- **A Pastor has served our group for YEARS? Can we keep him/her?** It is not our desire to push anyone out who loves the ministry and has walked faithfully with you. If and when the time comes, trust Holy Spirit to show you what to do. Always err on the side of graciousness.