

Nominee	Highlights	Nominator
Mary Cole	<p>Mary has contributed significantly to the mission, values, and goals of Deborah Leaner Ministries (DLM) and the women they serve. Her gentleness, patience, perseverance, and kindness have been her trademark. As she embarked on her DLM journey, Mary initially completed the DLM Facilitator Training Course in 2012. Two years later in 2014, she utilized her soft spoken demeanor and skills of persuasion as the liaison between DLM and the Pastor/leadership of Central Baptist Church of Camp Springs (CBCCS) to broker, finalize, and deliver the first Living In Him (LIH) discipleship training course to the women of CBCCS. The course was launched in the Fall of 2014. Mary demonstrated diversity of gifts and service while serving as both an Assistant Training Facilitator (ATF) and Facilitator in training under Regenia Mapson. The women grew spiritually during that class and the first LIH graduation was held in the Spring of 2015. In April 2015, still excited and on fire for the Lord and in her passion for DLM, Mary again brokered with the Pastor/Leadership of CBCCS to sponsor the DLM Facilitator and ATF training at the church in April, 2015. Six (6) women participated and successfully graduated. Moving to the Fall of 2015, Mary utilized her interpersonal, organizational, and persuasive skills to expand the DLM footprint in CBCCS through internal church recruitment of women and launching 3 LIH Part 1 classes; one at noon of which she facilitated, and two at night. This was ground breaking in that shy women, who ordinarily were not outgoing, but had completed the above mentioned April 2015 training . were stretched and served as facilitators and ATFs. A grand and powerful time of spiritual growth and setting aside quiet time was experienced by all three classes with a combined graduation of over 35 women at CBCCS in Spring 2016. It didn't stop there! In 2017, Mary became a dedicated contributor and participant in the LIH Part 2 pilot class and graduated in the first LIH Part 2 graduation in 2018. Also in 2018, Mary was a major contributor in recruiting and bringing women to Lido Beach Resort for the DLM Cheers to 15 Years Anniversary Celebration. During this anniversary celebration, Mary led a team of women she had rehearsed prior to coming down to Lido Beach in presenting a dramatic skit dealing with women's issues and spiritual healing. By Fall 2018, Mary still was fired up for DLM! She led a DLM training team to set up and deliver two additional LIH classes (LIH Part 2 and LIH Part 1) in the Clinton/Southern Maryland area.. A total of 10 women bonded,</p>	Elaine Hendking

grew spiritually, developed a quiet time routine, and developed a closer walk with God. These women still maintain sisterly contact and support DLM events. Mary has been involved with DLM in the following capacities: 2017- 2020: Member of the DLM Board of Directors. 2018-2020: Vice President of Deborah Leaner Ministries 2018-2019: Living in Him, Part 2 Facilitator 2017-2018: Member of DLM Living In Him, Part 2 Pilot Class 2015-2016: Living in Him, Part 1 Facilitator 2014-2015: Living in Him, Part 1: Assistant Training Facilitator and Facilitator in Training

Heartfelt Letter –

It is with great honor and humility that I nominate my Sister, Mary Cole, for the Woman of Worth Award. I have personally known Mary for over 30 years and have worked closely with her throughout her DLM contributions. I can definitely call her a dedicated colleague, but most of all, a friend and Sister. Mary exudes the qualities of a bold and God-fearing woman of DLM. She has shown herself to have a steady hand and is consistent and dedicated in her efforts. She is patient, warm, kind, and most of all honest. She takes pride in keeping her word, helping a sister out, and following up on problems and issues. The women she has worked with and mentored over the years are still involved with DLM to this day. This speaks volumes to her character and being a woman of influence. She is truly a blessed woman of God and a treasure to DLM.