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Author and Speaker to Visit Gardner-Webb University

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Dimensions program at Gardner-Webb University announces its second guest for the 2014-2015 academic year. Author and speaker Anne Marie Miller will share stories of hope on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 9:25 a.m. in the Paul Porter Arena, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). The event is free and open to the public.

Miller speaks at colleges, conventions and churches on topics of social justice, sexuality, health, addiction, and general Biblical themes of grace and restoration. She has traveled around the United States and to over 20 countries telling the stories of hope found in least likely places.

"Anne Marie Miller comes to us in partnership with Compassion International, a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults," said Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president of the Office of Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University. "Her wide range of experiences as a writer and speaker have created a platform which connects well with college students as she seeks to communicate God's grace."

Miller is the author of "Mad Church Disease: Overcoming the Burnout Epidemic," "Permission to Speak Freely: Essays and Art on Fear, Confession and Grace," "Beating Burnout: A 30 Day Guide to Hope and Health," and a book to be released in October, "Lean on Me: Finding Intentional, Vulnerable and Consistent Community." She will publish two upcoming books—one in Fall 2015 and another in 2016.

Miller has also worked as a columnist for Relevant magazine and a contributor for many other publications. Find out more about Miller at her blog and website at annemariemiller.com.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704.406.4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for professional success and for productive citizenship.