

## Leona Marie Sims

Leona Marie Sims is a vocal/writer recording artist, worship leader, and entrepreneur from Fort Wayne, Indiana. She has a plethora of musical contributions that have fashioned her into a well-rounded singer, writer, and professional artist. Multi-faceted, divinely inspired, and a passion for perfection, Marie has an eye for artistic diversity.

As the eighth child of the Beasely family, Marie began singing at the tender age of 9 years old under the tutelage of Marshall White (UPAF). She answered the call to ministry at the age of 12 and has continued to lend her voice to several live stage performances and studio recording sessions. She has led worship at several churches including Life Way Bible Fellowship where the Pastor is Quincy McGee. She is currently the worship leader at Summit Church in Fort Wayne where Al and Carla Jennings are the pastors.

Marie has a love for music that is unquenchable and over the years she has written several songs with a message that should be spread abroad. "If music is for our listening pleasure then what we are listening to should make us feel good".

The message in her music serves to uplift, encourage, and inspire the listener to believe and walk in their full potential and purpose for which they were created. "I want to send a message that will transcend generations".

The Midwest Women's Empowerment Summit is honored to have Marie Sims as our psalmist for our 2016 Conference/Cruise.