

women's ministries



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News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

Women's Ministries Sabbath in Kisdorf, Hansa Conference, Germany



First Aid for Women

Brilliant sunshine welcomed the women to the Adventist Church in Kisdorf. Karin Schmidt had her premiere as a speaker and she was just as brilliant. As a first-aid instructor at the Red Cross she presented the parallels between physical first aid and our responsibility as Christians in altruism.

In the children's story she asked if the children knew the 5 "W" of first aid and it was surprising how much they knew. They are: Where are you? What happened? HoW many casualties? What kind of injuries? Waiting for further questions.

The sermon was based on Galatians 5:22-23 where the fruit of the spirit is described: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." These qualities are also parallels to the qualities required in first-aiders. God has also given us an emergency number to call – P5015 – "call on me in the day of trouble" (Psalm 50:15). We are not alone. All we need is the willingness to help.

In the afternoon after a delicious potluck meal the participants learned how to react as first-aiders in accidents and were also able to practice on dummies. It was a very informative afternoon which ended with a delicious cake buffet.



According to a report by Nancy Duske Photos: WM

Adventist Women's Ministries at the Prevention Congress in Dresden



Violence and Radicalism - Challenges for Prevention

This was the main theme for the 23rd German Prevention Congress on June 11 and 12. Among the 150 Organizations at the congress the Seventh-Day Adventist Church was represented by the Women's Ministries team of the German-speaking regions DACH. The Theological University Friedensau with its social work department and the Desert Flower

Center at Waldfriede Hospital in Berlin are also involved in the struggle to end violence, particularly Female Genital Mutilation. A plethora of information material against domestic abuse and the various forms of violence against women and children was presented at the booth. Visitors were invited to leave their hand imprint on a large banner with the words "End the silence about violence against women and children." The action enditnow was initiated by the Women's Ministries Department and ADRA but meanwhile involves all departments of the church.

Leadership Training Level 1 in Weggis, Switzerland 31.05.-03.06.2018



Farewell to two women

The women all were keen to participate and some came from as far away as Berlin and Milano. Others came from the Italian or the German-speaking areas of Switzerland. They were rewarded with a phantastic view over the Vierwaldstätter lake, a very warm atmosphere and valuable topics like 'A woman of worth', 'Effective public speaking', 'Creative Bible Study'. The topics are useful for personal growth as well as for involvement in church and outreach.

Thanks to the excellent translators women from both language groups were able to participate in this seminar.



For Gerd-Laila Walter and Hannele Ottschofski this seminar was the last training session in their role as facilitators and speakers. Gerd-Laila is retiring and looking forward to spending more time with her husband. She was Women's Ministries director for the Austrian Union for the last 21 years. She has built up a functioning ministry from scratch. Unfortunately the Austrian Union has not yet installed a replacement.

Hannele has worked as a volunteer for many years and given a valuable service to the Women's Ministries department. In close co-operation with the leaders of the German-speaking regions (DACH) she has been a support in providing translations, organizing events and congresses. Heidi Albisser (CH) and Angelika Pfaller (D) bid farewell with gratitude and regret to these two special women who have become good friends across frontiers. They are sure to continue to be a blessing to women wherever they go.

According to a report by Heidi Albisser

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day



Blessed to be a Blessing

On the second Sabbath of June women around the world are invited to conduct church services in order to remind the members of the value of Women's Ministries and what our women are doing for women within the church and in outreach to other women. The Women's Ministries Department of the General Conference has prepared a resource packet which is

available in many languages and can be downloaded from the website <https://women.eud.adventist.org/en/resources/>
The packet includes material for a full church service and afternoon seminars.

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