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## News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

### enditnow®



#### WHAT MY LOCAL CHURCH CAN DO FOR ABUSE AWARENESS

What can my local church do to help prevent violence against women and children? Download a powerpoint presentation informing how you and your church can make a difference in the world to end violence and abuse by clicking: <https://women.eud.adventist.org/en/about/enditnow-abuse-prevention/>

Renamed enditnow Emphasis Day in 2014, the fourth Sabbath of August was originally designated Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day when Annual Council voted, September 26, 2001, to add this day to the worldwide church calendar. General Conference Women's Ministries (GC WM) coordinates the production and distribution of the enditnow Emphasis Day resource packets which include an order of divine service, sermon, seminar, PowerPoint presentations for both the sermon and seminar, and various other helpful materials.

The packet sermons and seminars are provided by the seven General Conference (GC) departments who co-sponsor enditnow. Each of the sponsoring departments are committed to developing and sharing resources that address many expressions of abuse against women, children, and men. Joining Women's Ministries are:

- Children's Ministries
- Family Ministries
- Ministerial Association
- Education
- Health Ministries
- Youth Ministries

It is high time to end violence and abuse NOW!

### enditnow® Emphasis Day in Ghana



#### enditnow® awareness event in Accra draws more than 2,000 people

The Women's Ministries department of the Southern Ghana Union Conference planned a large campaign using the theme for 2017 enditnow® Emphasis Day, "Love Protects: healing the wounds of emotional abuse." They decided to go beyond church walls and inspired church members to organize campaign marches in their own towns. The impact was greatly felt in two large cities Accra (Accra City Conference) and Takoradi (South West Ghana

Conference).

Taking to the streets of Accra at 2:00 pm, October 15, 2017, more than 2,000 people—women, children, and men—carried abuse prevention placards and enditnow® banners as they marched from the four corners of the city to converge

together at the Ghana National Theatre. For this campaign, the Ghana Police Service released twelve policemen to guard the entourages as they marched through principal streets of the capital city.

The Accra City Conference leadership extended the street campaign activities to a "Stakeholders' Forum" at the Ghana National Theatre. The well-organized meeting in the large hall of the capital city was chaired by Southern Ghana Union Conference Executive Secretary, Pastor Dr. Chris Annan Nunoo, who also spoke about abuse and violence against women and children. Representatives for the stake holding communities included director of ADRA/Ghana; director of USAID; director of Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit; and representatives for UNICEF and UNFPA.

A dramatic performance about domestic violence was presented by Women's Ministries of the Accra West Central District in the Accra City Conference. A violent scene caused a deep emotional reaction from the audience. A special song on violence against women and children, customized for the program, was composed and rendered by "One Voice," a choral ensemble. A poem written for the occasion was also recited by Evelyn the Piper of the department of Theatre Arts, University of Ghana. Members of the press covered the entire event.

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## August 25 is 2018 enditnow day



### Words that Wound

On August 25 the emphasis of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church is breaking the silence about abuse and ending abuse and violence against women and children. The fourth Sabbath in August is enditnow day. On this day women around the world conduct church services and seminars pointing to the need of addressing the question of abuse.

Each year the Women's Ministries Department prepares material for this special day of action that can be used in the church services and special programs. This resource material has been translated into the many languages of the world and includes a sermon and a complete program as well as a seminar. This year's material can be downloaded at [women.eud.adventist.org/en/resources/](http://women.eud.adventist.org/en/resources/)

Written by Dr. Katia G. Reinert, Associate Director of GC Health Ministries, the 2018 material deals with the trauma of emotional abuse and is called "Words that Wound".

Many people have been wounded by words that stay with them and hurt for a whole life. Sometimes people hurt others unintentionally, but their words still wound. May this topic open our eyes to how our words affect others and help us realize that words can wound.

We would appreciate your reports on enditnow activities on this emphasis day.

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#### Further Links:

Events: Calendar Women's Ministries EUD  
<http://women.euroafrica.org/calendar>

Homepage Women's Ministries:  
[www.women.eud.adventist.org](http://www.women.eud.adventist.org)

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