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My Witnesses to the End of the Earth ...



Year-End Meeting of the Inter-European Region Executive Committee

"My Witnesses to the End of the Earth ..." With this motto, the Executive Committee of the Inter-European Region (EUD) of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists (GC), held in Rome, Italy, from November 1-6, 2018, began its year-end meeting. The EUD Executive Committee includes all the officers from the various Unions of the Southeastern European countries, including institution directors, lay members, and guests from the GC. Among the guests was the President of the General Conference, Pastor Ted Wilson. The opening message was presented, as usual, by the President of the EUD, Pastor Mario Brito. His message was based on the second letter of the apostle Peter 1:16-21. "People can easily see who we are by the way we behave and act. They can easily understand if we are trustworthy or not. And this will make the difference," followed Brito. He then asked where our authority comes from. There is only one answer: Jesus Christ. "How are we supposed to exercise authority in the church? Following Jesus' example, as presented in the Gospels. He is the perfect model for all those who are called to exercise authority in the ecclesiastical sphere," affirmed Pastor Brito. Jesus established loving relationships with people as he served them, won their confidence, and then invited them to follow him. "As we relate to people, showing real interest in their well-being and success, they will trust us and follow our instructions and advice. Many among them will eventually accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Are we really committed to helping people to follow Jesus? There is no better form of leadership than leading people to follow the Good Shepherd." A leader earns his leadership authority by serving the people he has been called to lead. "Our mission is to help grow in the image of God. We should always keep this purpose in mind," concluded Pastor Brito. "So, we are in great need of women and men that reflect the character of Jesus Christ, with pure hearts, following His unselfish example and having the same authority to go and preach the Gospel even until the end of the earth.



In the very male-dominated executive committee a few women's faces could be seen. Mrs. Nancy Wilson accompanied her husband and met the new Women's Ministries Director for the EUD, Dagmar Dorn.

A revised Mission Statement for the Seventh-day Adventist Church was voted:

Our Mission: Make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels' Messages in preparation for His soon return (Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Rev 14:6-12).

Our Method—Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit, Seventh-day Adventists pursue this mission through Christ-like living, communicating, discipling, teaching, healing, and serving.

Our Vision—In harmony with Bible revelation, Seventh-day Adventists see as the climax of God's plan the restoration of all His creation to full harmony with His perfect will and righteousness.

According to a report by EUDNews C.Cozzi and WM News

Photos: Norbert Zens (left), EUD CFO, Mario Brito, EUD President, Barna Magyarosi, EUD Executive Secretary. (credit: C. Cozzi) ; Nancy Wilson and Dagmar Dorn

Leadership Training Level Plus



Women's Ministries Seminar in the German-speaking Countries

About 30 women attended an additional training seminar called LevelPlus from November 8-11, 2018 in Mühlenrahmede/Germany. Concentrating on practical training, much time was invested in presenting the "Friend-to-Friend" method of helping a friend through a problem. Other topics were how to prepare and present your personal testimony, finding your mission and creating your mission statement. It is encouraging to see how more and more women are discovering the joy of coming together for a training seminar, even when they have to take time off work and family responsibilities for four days. Many women who have completed the three Leadership Certification Levels long for more and that is why this supplementary Level was created. All leadership seminars are offered in co-operation by the Women's Ministry leaders in the German-speaking countries. Photo: WMNDV

Women's Ministries Retreat at the Baltic Sea



Disappointment turns into Blessing

From November 2- 4 the Hansa Conference Women's Ministries Department had invited to a retreat in Boiensdorf at the Baltic sea. One of the participants was late in arriving and was worried where she would be able to find a spot for her car on the small parking lot, but there were only four other cars there. What was wrong? Had she not received information about last-minute changes? A bit disappointed, she realized that the group consisted of only 11 women. What kind of a retreat would that be? However, her skepticism soon dissipated. Because of the small group size a very special atmosphere developed. Together with the speaker Ulrike Gelke they explored how to find a way to be the person God sees in us. What has influenced us and made us what we are today? Which influences have been good and which ones should we shut out? How can we find the assignments God has in store for us and for which he has given us the right gifts and experiences? These and other topics were the subject of much discussion and many good impulses and ideas were taken home. One of the highlights was the chocolate confectionary workshop on Saturday night. The wonderful scenery for walks and the untypically warm and sunny November weather as well as the caring catering all contributed to making this a wonderful, relaxing and blessed women's weekend retreat –absolutely awesome! Adapted from a report by Ulrike Kindel Photo: WM Hansa

Training in Lombardy (Northern Italy)



Abuse Prevention Seminar

Violence and abuse were the topics discussed during a two-day training session from October 27 to 28, 2018 in Lombardy. 26 women attended the meetings in the beautiful scenery in Lecco, near the lake of Como. Dr. Deborah Giamborese, psychologist and student in theology, deepened the psychological point of view, while pastor Abigaela Trofin treated the spiritual aspects. The moments of sharing and prayers on specific problems related to abuse were very strong, but also encouraging, despite the tears and emotions. A special time was dedicated to the different types of spiritual or religious and domestic abuse that have very subtle forms. The purpose of this training was the reorientation of women to Jesus to live in a new dimension of the transformation of mind and body. At the end of the training, thanks to a new consciousness of the problem, the women chose to ask the



pastors of their churches to deal with these problems and to lead men and boys to a life without violence . Reported by Abigaela Trofin Photos: WM Italy

Women's Ministries Retreat in the Slovakian Conference



"My Way"



From October 18 to 21, 2018, the Slovak women met for the fourth time in the nice area of Bešeňová by Liptovská Mara. 68 women heard the special guest speaker, Hana Pinkerova, explain the message of the Bible verse for the conference: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will guide you with my eye" (Psalm 32:8). Hana Pinkerova, is an experienced mother, wife, businesswoman and writer, and she shared with us her views on following topics: My way - We are on the way - What to look for on the way. She personally says that she is "looking for God's love messages every day." It is important to realize every day what my mission is – and that is my way. Then we have to identify ourselves with the way, and see what is ahead of us. Our privilege is that we are never alone. Once we "commit our way to the Lord" (Psalm 37,5) we will easily walk and we will always have the possibility of leaning on someone. There was a very friendly atmosphere filled with God's blessing. Women left encouraged with new experiences, new friendships, and with joy in

their hearts. According to a report by Iveta Halešová, Women's Ministries Director of the Czecho-Slovakian Union

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