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The Fruit of Caring as Sisters



BAPTISM AS A RESULT OF A VISITATION AND CARE PROJECT FOR WOMEN

On Saturday, September 7, the baptism of seven people who had decided to give their lives to Christ took place in the Selah church of Elche. One of the participants in this spiritual feast was Fanny, the first fruit of a ministry based on service, friendship and sorority. She is a woman who came into contact with the visitation and care group for single women that began to function just a year and a half ago, as an initiative of the Women's Ministries

Group of the Church of Elche Raval.

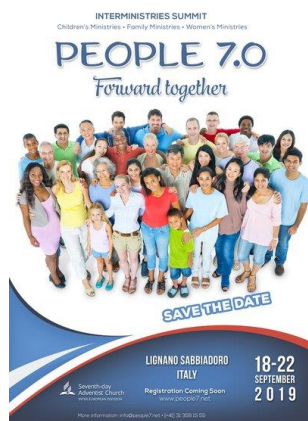
The group of volunteers who are active in this ministry is made up of sisters who have carried out different activities focused on meeting arising needs, providing women with various services, among which we can include cleaning the home, personal accompaniment, service of manicure and hygiene for hospitalized women among others.

Through visitation and home assistance, personal attention and accompaniment in situations of illness or hospitalization, the friendly relations fill a special space in the lives of women and opens the way to prayer and the shared study of the word of God. The power of God's grace transforms the lives of the volunteers and those assisted, creating networks of friendship and empowering them through the spiritual and personal strengthening of both.

We thank the Lord for allowing us to enjoy such great joy, convinced that we still have much to do and many women to bring hope to, guided by the hand of our loving God and for his glory.

Reported by Amalia Reta, WM director, Spanish Union

Forward together



People 7.0 Congress coming up

In a few days' time the EUD Inter-ministries Summit "People 7.0 - Forward together" from September 18 - 22, 2019 will start in Lignano, Italy.

This amazing event is the first of its kind, organized in co-operation by three EUD departments: Children's Ministries, Family Ministries and Women's Ministries.

The list of excellent speakers and workshop presenters promises to provide inspiration and input for all. Under the motto "Forward together" the "Journey" will start on Wednesday evening. The program will include "EUD"-talks and workshops as well as interesting evening programs and Sabbath services. And when the summit is over the Journey must still go on when the participants return home on Sunday morning.

There will be daily reports on the people7.0 facebook page as well as eud women's ministries so join us in the event on facebook.

"Mit am Tisch" - a Book about Women in the SDA Church



God calls Women to participate

The independent Adventist News Outlet "Adventist today" published a book review of the first book in German about the history and development of the role of women in the Adventist church "Mit am Tisch," written by Hannele Ottschofski.

"How can one write about the controversial issue of the role of women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church? There are numerous books and scholarly publications on the question of the ordination of women to spiritual ministry that are important and worth reading for all their theological depth. This book, released yesterday by Finnish freelance writer and speaker Hannele Ottschofski, now living in Germany, is different:

"Right at the table" might be a good translation of the German title, which suggest a togetherness by starting with the conjunction "with" and followed by "Women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church"—women who sit at the table with men as a matter of course to listen to and fellowship with Jesus.

The role of women is considered holistically here, through historical developments inside and outside the Adventist church. Biblical evidence on the role of women is provided, concise and convincing, without getting caught up in academic discussions. Finally there is a marvelous discovery in the appendix: a seemingly endless (and yet by no means complete) set of impressive short portraits of powerful, influential women within this denomination.

The author's passion is slowly developing with the book, culminating in a very personal confession in the last chapter. The myth of Ellen G. White as the only exceptional woman within this denomination is busted without negating or belittling her importance in the least. The mighty influence of women in the Adventist Church way beyond Ellen G. White is being documented in an overwhelming and often quite surprising manner.

The 169-page paperback is also available as e-publication at half of the price of the paper copy. While the Adventist Publishing House in Germany, usually known for its courage, chose not to publish the book, its distribution to women and men (probably in that order) is assured through Amazon. Even if your German may be a little rusty, you will find this work to be a delightful way to brush up your language skills. It will become a lasting reference for women in the Adventist Church.

The topic of women's ordination has polarized the Adventist Church over the past ten years, wounding and weakening it unnecessarily like probably no other issue during its more than 160-year history. Reading this book can be like a healing balm for the soul, and at the same time strengthen the motivation to confidently take the place at the table which is due to every child of God."

Book review written by: Andreas Bochmann, Ph.D., is Professor for Counseling and Pastoral Care at Friedensau Adventist University in Germany

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Enditnow Sabbath in Hamburg , Germany



Women address violence and abuse in International Church

This year's enditnow Sabbath on August 24, 2019, the International SDA Church in Rahlstedt addressed the topic of abuse and violence. The speaker was Petra Lolk.

There was also a story for our children. It was about two identical packages: (we had cornflakes) but the content is not always the same. Yet both are useful and valuable!

We adults also got our money's worth. We had a beautiful sermon and Petra showed us that already in Old Testament times abuse was rampant. How important and sensitive the topic is!

In the afternoon, we were again reminded of how narrow the border between abuse / verbal violence is, for example in a marriage. That was something we discussed in small groups.

Our adolescents also dealt with the topic "borders": when do I cross a border? This was discussed together.

Our little ones even performed a sketch for us!

It was a successful enditnow Sabbath. We were sensitized again to be more attentive and mindful with each other!

Reported by Teresa Pegas, Hanse Conference, Germany Photos: WM Hanse Conference

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