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Women's International Day of Prayer



Spanish churches concentrate on prayer

March 7, 2020, was the International Day of Prayer of Women's Ministries. A very special Sabbath for the majority of Adventist churches in Spain, on which this day was dedicated to prayer. From the church pulpits the leaders of the Women's Ministries department were able to speak to our brothers and sisters about the importance of "Virtuous Living in an Un-virtuous World", regardless of our circumstances, and how to be a reflection of Jesus wherever we are. This was a time to meet with God, as well as to strengthen spiritual ties, by praying for the women of the world and creating a spiritual network of empathy and understanding among Adventist women.

Reported by Amalia Reta, Women's Ministries Director, Spanish Union Photos: WM Spain

Corona Crisis: Survival Kit for Men under pressure



Men need help, too!

How often do we hear the remark: Women's Ministries Department - what about the men in the church? Why is there nothing for them? I don't think that we in Women's Ministries are expected to provide programs for men. But sometimes it is quite interesting to pass on what is already being done for men.

There are support websites for men. And particularly now many men need help. You can download an information flyer for men in many languages under: <https://www.maenner.ch/coronakrise-merkblatt/#>

It is a survival kit for men under pressure. Particularly now during the Corona crisis this might be helpful for the health and safety of families.

PLATFORM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

Women's Ministries in Spain initiate new project



Sponsored by the Women's Ministries Department in collaboration with the Ministerial Association, a Training and Pastoral Orientation Course was organized on March 1, 2020, in the Aragon area, one of the big districts of the Spanish Union of Seventh-Day Adventists on the topic of gender-based violence and propagation of equality. The Spanish Union is committed to Women's Ministries, and has undertaken a lot of very interesting and very important projects.



Pastor Richard Ruszuly was in charge of introducing the course. The speakers were Pastor Roberto Badenas, who spoke about the theological approach. The aim was to find out what biblical principles demand the exclusion of all forms of violence irreconcilable from the Christian family. The most frequent myths and errors about the human relationships between men and women were dismantled in the light of the Bible. He also addressed proposals for pastoral action, the aim of which is to make the pastoral corps and other church officers aware of what they can do to prevent and combat domestic violence. Another point that was

addressed was the need to sensitize the church in general about the need to develop a culture of mutual respect, brotherly love and family harmony that make these attitudes distinctive signs of Adventist spirituality.

These were high-level presentations from which we learned a great deal. Pastor Cicerone Comanescu, in a masterful presentation, told us about the meaning of κεφαλή (kephale – the head) in Ephesians 5:23 "For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior."

Our national lawyer, Olga Calonge, clarified very important points regarding jurisdiction.

With her characteristic skill and freshness. Sara Hernandez, equal opportunities officer, had several very elaborate presentations, in which she spoke about gender equality from a social perspective, and this approach to gender violence. Our Women's Ministries director, Amalia Reta, who is coordinating this project, has put together a very effective team, which will give good service to the Spanish Union of Adventists and its membership.

The truth is that I feel grateful to have benefited from this event, and from all the testimonies that were expressed, we could see that this platform will be very effective and beneficial. May the Lord bless the work being done.

Reported by Janet Ribera, Women's Ministries Director for the Church of Zaragoza Torrero Photos: WM Spain

Social Distancing changes methods but not the joy in group meetings

Portuguese Women's Ministries Group starts online meetings



This women's group in Portugal has been meeting on a monthly basis since 2018. Due to the Covid-19 isolation measures, today we had our first meeting via Zoom. Although digital will never replace physical, we found great joy and comfort "gathering together" this way. We had a short meditation, prayer time and musical moments. Every participant is looking forward to the next one! In this particular time we are living, it is important to feel part of a community and to know we can share our burdens and blessings.

Reported by Emilia Leitão Photo: WM Portugal

100 Days of Prayer



Amid Covid-19 Crisis, Church is called to Prayer

From March 27 – July 4, 2020 join Seventh-day Adventists all around the world in calling on Jesus in our urgent need!

More Information: www.revivalandreformation.org/100days

During this time, we will also be praying for the following:

For specific requests regarding the effects of the COVID-19 epidemic on our church and mission

For deeper personal consecration and revival for mission

For our local churches to experience a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit

For our local churches to be a light to the world during this time of crisis

To submit a prayer request regarding the needs of your local church or conference

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