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'HOME HAVEN'



WOMEN'S JOURNAL IN GERMAN

The purpose of this devotional journal is to promote personal and spiritual growth. That is exactly why I am pleased to introduce this devotional journal 'Heimathafen' (Home Haven) to you in a little more detail. This journal contains three categories, which cover the topics "Prayer", "Bible study" and "Gratitude".

The category 'Pour out' (prayer) is about pouring out your heart to our Father in Heaven. You can consider which biblical promise you would like to take up at this time, according to your concern. There is also a column "God teaches me" in which you can record which experiences or insights you have gained during this time of prayer. You can also write down your answers to prayer. By writing down your prayers as well as the answers to your prayers, you can fall back on them again and again in difficult times and thus be motivated to "keep on going".

In the category 'Immersion' (Bible study) a Bible passage is studied in more detail according to the now well-known "Bible - Discoverer - Method". The point is to copy the passage and then use the four fields to record what the passage says about God, people, and life with God. Examining a passage of the Bible gives you even deeper insight into the action itself. You will find that by studying the text, you might even easily develop devotional talks or sermons. This method can also be ideally applied in your small group meetings.

Nowadays you can gradually observe a trend that calls for being more grateful in life. For this there are countless gratitude journals, among other things to learn "mindfulness". Even the Bible, in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, asks us to be thankful "in ALL things, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". Thankfulness is an essential part of our life, which goes along with how content and happy we are in life. The category 'Filling up' (gratitude) invites you to reflect, for example, at the end of a day, on what you are thankful for that day. At the same time, you can reflect on what God has shown you on that day. At the end of a week, you can take time again to collect how you experienced God's faithfulness during that week.

This journal is so extraordinary because YOU decide how much time you want to spend on your personal devotion and you will not only be strengthened but also blessed. You will notice that your spiritual life gains more depth, has a balancing effect on other areas of your life, you feel secure, feel safe, face challenges as a spiritual person, experience what it means to be a blessing for your fellow human beings and even experience miracles. I wish you much blessing and fulfillment on the way to this special experience. The devotional journal is available from Top Life Wegweiser Verlag, Vienna.

Jeanine Rollgaiser, Leader of Women's Ministries, Austria

Photo: Top Life Verlag

Second zoom meeting with the Women's Ministries leaders of the German Unions



WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADERS MEET ONLINE

Due to the corona times, we as leaders in Germany are now increasingly taking the opportunity to meet via zoom. At our second meeting, Wolfgang Dorn, president of the Bavarian Conference participated for the Bavarian Conference, as he is the head of the Women's Ministries department. As there is a vacancy in WM leadership it was an opportunity for the president to inform himself about the work of the Women's Ministry leaders in the other conferences. Mareen Krumreich-Mutamba was also present and informed the association leaders about Instagram and the possibilities of social media for WM leaders.

Reported by Angelika Pfaller

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Zoom meeting on the "International Day of Adventist Women" on June 13, 2020



GERMAN WOMEN MEET ONLINE

Profiting from the meanwhile much used zoom technique, the Women's Ministries director for the German Unions invited the women to a zoom meeting on the Women's Ministries Director, North and South German Unions Emphasis Day on June 13, 2020, to hear the sermon prepared for the day by Heather-Dawn Small. She took the liberty of reading this sermon in conjunction with the accompanying PowerPoint presentation. Afterwards, because of the small group size of about 25 persons, they were able to discuss the topic. It was good to have fellowship, to exchange ideas and to let the love of Jesus work on us. Of course the original video with Heather-Dawn Small was also available to those who understand English.

Reported by Angelika Pfaller, Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day in Kisdorf, Germany



WOMEN AGAIN MEET IN PERSON

The women in the far north of Germany again met in person in Kisdorf on the Women's Ministries Emphasis Day on June 13, 2020, in compliance with all security regulations. 15 participants were happy to have fellowship with each other again and to celebrate the service together. The theme of the day was "The love of God moves me". Ines, Karin and Steffi had lovingly prepared face masks and a card for all participants. A little normality was so good. After the sermon they took advantage of the good weather and consumed the food they had brought with them outside- of course with enough distance. It was a very blessed Sabbath.

Reported by Nancy Duske, Women's Ministries Director, Hansa Conference Photo: WM Hansa

Women's Ministries 25th Anniversary



DID YOU KNOW? #SDAWOMENSMINISTRIES25

Mrs. S.M.I. Henry began organizing the Woman's Ministry department at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1891 at the encouragement of Ellen G. White. Mrs. Sarepta M. Irish Henry, an active leader in the Women's Christian Temperance Union (W. C. T. U.), recuperated from an illness at Battle Creek Sanitarium which led her to becoming a Seventh-day Adventist. The General Conference voted her ministerial license, but

unfortunately, S.M.I. Henry died two years later and no one continued her initial work for women's ministry at the world church headquarters.

So why do we celebrate a 25th anniversary this year? Find out in our next post!

Women's Ministries celebrates 25 Years as a full Department



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Did you know?

Many women have given their lives to the service of God and His church. But for many years the church neglected to use the gifts of more than half of its membership – women. In the last three decades of the 20th century the church realized that the church must find ways to

organize and use the vast potential represented by women's talents. The question why women were not ordained came up. In 1985 the General conference session voted, instead of taking definitive action regarding the ordination of women to the gospel ministry to encourage women's participation in church work. The vote urged that "affirmative action" for the involvement of women in the work of the church be a priority plan with church leadership, and to request leaders to use their executive influence to open to women all aspects of ministry in the church that do not require ordination. In the following years, step by step, the path was forged toward the establishment of an organization for women within the church which came about at the General conference session in 1995. During the last 25 years the work of the department has been developed to serve women all over the world.

Mission Statement of Women's Ministries



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Did you know?

The mission statement of Women's Ministries was adopted even before the official establishment of the department, formulated in 1988 by the GC Women's Advisory and it is still essentially the same.

The Department of Women's Ministries exists to uphold, encourage, and challenge Adventist women in their pilgrimage as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His world church.

Our mission is in the larger sense common to all Christians—that of uplifting Christ in the Church and in the world. But more specifically, we are called to:

Nurture—Reach Up to God

Empower—Reach Across with God

Outreach—Reach Out with God



Rose Otis - The Pioneer



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Did you know?

Rose Otis served the Adventist Church in several posts that were firsts for women. She was the first director for Women's Ministries for the world church. In July, 1995, the General Conference in Session voted full department status to Women's Ministries with Rose Otis as

its elected Director. She then became the first female vice president for the church in North America. As the first Women's Ministries director, Otis spent six years laying the groundwork for the department.

She said: "I tried to demonstrate how women could really lift the church, how many talents and gifts were not being utilized by not including women, and how they can be used if we only encouraged women more," she said. "I saw lots of change in attitudes since I was there. Having Women's Ministries programs has brought women out of the pews to organize initiatives from local church levels all the way to the world regional offices."

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