

# women's ministries

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

### HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED IN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES?



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Did you know?

**There are lots of ways you can become involved in Women's Ministries.**

Women are an influential force in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When women are ministered to, the family, church, and community receive the benefits of their spiritual strength and their ministry. Here are some ways:

- through prayer and encouragement
- by helping to see that there is an active Women's Ministries program in your church
- by volunteering your talents and leadership abilities
- through your financial support

**Women's Ministries is involved in sponsoring and developing a number of programs and activities.**

Some of these are:

- Literacy programs
- Leadership training
- Abuse recovery
- Breaking the Silence
- Mentoring young girls and women
- Area-wide retreats and rallies
- Prayer groups and prayer chains
- Small group ministries and Bible studies
- Church hospitality
- Adventist Women's Mission projects



### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEVOTIONAL BOOK PROJECT



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Did you know?

**Women's Ministries Devotional Book Project**

The God-inspired devotional book project began in 1992 as a one-time idea to raise funds for Women's Ministries scholarships, but the book was so well received, and so many blessings flowed from it, that the books just kept coming—and kept blessing. Not only are book readers blessed, but every writer and scholarship recipient is blessed. Writers from all over the world tell their stories of how God has helped, healed and given hope to their lives. This year marks the 30th edition.

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EMPHASIS DAY 2020 IN FRANCE



### WOMEN MEET ONLINE

The Women's Ministries department of the South France Conference organized a virtual meeting for women on June 13, 2020, the Women's Ministries Emphasis Day for the world-wide church.

In the morning we benefited from sermons presented by three women. Yvette du Mesnil d'Engente spoke about "God's love for me", Doris Vargas-Hordosch about "God's love in me" Marie-Pierre Péchoux addressed the topic "God's love through me".

The day continued in the afternoon with small group discussions with a maximum of 10 participants each on the theme of friendship, concentrating on four questions:

- 1- How do we define friendship?
- 2- What is the meaning of friendship and what does it bring to your life?
- 3- How do we prevent toxic friendships?
- 4- As a Christian, what more can we bring to friendship? What is the place of prayer in your friendships and how can it be implemented?

Participation was possible either by videoconference or by telephone. We had just over 100 connections in the morning and over 60 in the afternoon. This allowed women from other Conferencess, Unions and Divisions to participate.

It is difficult to estimate the total number of participants, but we know that one connection sometimes brought together up to 10 people.

I want to praise our Lord for the quality and success of this day. We had a taste of sisterhood in spite of the mandatory confinements.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

Reported by Marie-Pierre Péchoux, Women's Ministries Director, South France Conference Photo: Depositphotos

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## NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR FOR THE BAVARIAN CONFERENCE



### LYDIA LUKIC APPOINTED TO LEAD WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Starting on July 1, 2020 we welcome Lydia Lukic as the new Women's Ministries Director of the Seventh-Day Adventist Conference in Bavaria, Germany. We are happy that with Lydia we were able to win a warm-hearted, open and experienced woman for this task. She is married to Pastor Zoran Lukic and they currently live in Nuremberg. Lydia is very committed professionally, as a pastoral spouse and active in their local church. They have three grown children. The responsibility as Women's Ministries leader in Bavaria is remunerated on the basis of a minijob.

At the same time we want to say a big thankyou to her predecessor Barbara Mahler for her many years of work in the leadership of the department up to February of this year. She has filled the task with enormous commitment and with all her heart.

We wish Barbara many blessings on her future path in life and God's good guidance for Lydia in her new task.

Reported by Wolfgang Dorn, conference president

Photo: Private

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# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTORS AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE



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### Did you know?

After Rose Otis was called to the North American Division as a Vice President, Dorothy Eaton Watts was appointed Women's Ministries Director for the General Conference in 1996. She filled this position for only a short time, as she resigned in order to return to the mission field in India with her husband. Ardis Dick Stenbakken was then appointed Director in 1997, in which position she served until her retirement in 2004. The longest serving director up to now is Heather-Dawn Small, who was called in 2004 and currently serves as Women's Ministries Director.



# WHAT IS WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ABOUT?



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What is Women's Ministries? Women's Ministries is a place to address the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of women in the church. Women's Ministries recognizes that women have many Gifts of the Spirit, and it attempts to help women discover and use these gifts to the glory of God.

- Women's Ministries encourages women to improve their potential for participation in the mission of the church.
- It is a support system for hurting women—whether they are suffering from divorce, abuse or simply loneliness.
- It is a forum to help address topics and issues as they affect the woman.
- It encourages young women through a scholarship program.
- It encourages women to become involved in all areas of ministry in their church, their community, and in their home.
- It mentors young women so that they may find joy in the Lord

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