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10-MINUTE COOKBOOK



ZOOM MEETING OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES TEAM IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

On Thursday, June 25, 2020, the Women's Ministries team in Baden-Wuerttemberg met for a first meeting after a long break. Due to Corona this meeting took place on Zoom. After a general exchange, new ideas for the future were developed. Among other things the project "10-Minute Cookbook" was came up. This is to relieve corona-plagued mothers, who, in addition to the usual household tasks (cooking, washing, cleaning...), now have to take care of homeschooling and home office on the side. This cookbook should consist of tasty and easy to prepare 10-minute recipes (starters, main courses, desserts, salads). Now the team is busy collecting recipes. Further issues will be discussed at the next next projected meeting.

Reported by Jasmin Stanoschefskey, Women's Ministries leader, Baden-Württemberg Conference, Germany

NOAH'S DAUGHTERS IN LOCKDOWN



GIRLS4CHRIST ZOOM MEETING IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG, GERMANY

In the spring of 2020 all planned Girls4Christ meetings were cancelled because of the Corona crisis. Due to this, and in order to not lose the contact with our precious young girls, the organization team decided to hold a Zoom meeting. On a Sunday morning in April we met at 11 o'clock at our computers to spend 2 pleasant hours together. After an extensive discussion round, in which we talked about what was worst for us during the Corona Lockdown and what advantages Corona brought us, a fun bingo game followed. After a prayer, a devotional topic about "Noah's daughters" followed. We immersed ourselves in the time before and during the lockdown of the inhabitants of the ark and wondered why Noah's wife and daughters-in-law had not managed to get a single person from outside their closest family to enter into the rescuing boat in spite of the long years of construction. We wondered if we ourselves would be willing to spend an eternity without our dear "worldly" friends or what we could do to tell them

about Jesus and the saving message. Many exciting and contemporary missionary ideas were exchanged. We are happy that we were able to motivate our young girls to take the chance to tell people who are confused about everything that happens in the world about Jesus and his saving message, especially in this challenging time. After a concluding prayer of blessing, we parted with our young friends in the hope of finally organizing and experiencing a local meeting with "real encounters" in September.

Reported by Jasmin Stanoschefskey, Women's Ministries leader, Baden-Württemberg Conference, Germany

GIRLS4CHRIST PICKNICK IN LUGANO



ACTIVITIES RESUMED IN TICINO, SWITZERLAND

July 16, 2020

After many months of lockdown, Girls4Christ finally met for a picnic in the San Michele Park in Lugano. The topic discussed was based on Psalm 91, with a connection to Exodus 7 and the 10 plagues of Egypt. It was interesting to find out how they experienced the 40 years in the wilderness and whether the experience brought them closer or further away from the Lord. All girls participated in the discussion. The conclusion was that we need not fear because God is with us.

All are looking forward to the next meeting.

Reported by Martha Santana, Nayana and Isabel Rosselli Photos: WM Ticino



HELPING NEWBORN CHILDREN



WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE MUNTENIA CONFERENCE, ROMANIA

The Women's Ministries Department of the Bethel Church, Buzau District, started a project called "Help Newborn Children". They decided to visit the Buzau hospital's maternity ward every sixty days and give various useful products to both babies and parents, thus helping parents with modest incomes. Every time brings happiness to both sides and helping others brings blessings to all.

Reported by Eugenia Stoian, project coordinator, Bethel Church, Muntenia Conference Romania Photos: WM Muntenia

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EMPHASIS DAY 2020 IN ITALY



RELAUNCH AFTER THE LOCKDOWN

On Sabbath June 13, 2020, many Adventist local churches in Italy were not yet opened after the lockdown, so the Women's Ministries department made a special video message and sermon for the women to celebrate the Women's Ministries Emphasis Day. «Christ's Amazing Love Moves Me» was the theme of the video that was watched on demand on the web television Hope Channel Italy. There were over 200 views.

The WM national coordinator Lina Ferrara preached in the Lungotevere church, the oldest Adventist church in Rome. The sermon was also broadcast live on the Facebook page of the local church. The women were happy to celebrate the WM special day on the second Sabbath of their church reopening. We were not able to hold any program in the afternoon due to the restrictions set out in the hygiene protocol to contain the Covid-19 virus.



For the women in Lungotevere, it has been very important to restart with a sermon with physical presence, even wearing masks and observing the safe distance. It was like picking up where they had left off. In fact, the lockdown in Italy began on March 4, therefore it was not possible to hold the International Women's Day of Prayer on Sabbath March 7.

Reported by L. Ferrara, WM coordinator in Italy

Photos: WM in Rome

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT THE CURRENT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE?



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Prior to coming to the General Conference in 2011, Heather-Dawn Small held the position of Children's and Women's Ministries director for five years for the Caribbean Union Conference. Heather-Dawn earned a master's degree in leadership with emphasis in pastoral care to women. She is presently a candidate for a doctorate degree in leadership. Small works with women all over the world. She encourages Adventist women to fully utilize their talents,

provides leadership training and resource materials, and works closely with church administrators to learn how Women's Ministries programs can complement and support existing programs in the church. "The biggest obstacle to accepting women as leaders is our mindset," said Small. "We need a change in mindset so that when we think of leadership, we don't automatically think of men. We must re-frame our mindset to include women."

THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF DAYS AND EVENTS CONTAINS THREE SPECIAL DAYS FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



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The Church's Calendar of Days and Events contains three special days for Women's Ministries

International Women's Day of Prayer (first Sabbath in March) This is a special day when women have the opportunity to strengthen their spiritual bonds as they pray for and with

each other.

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day (second Sabbath in June) It is an opportunity for women to lead out in a worship service and a chance to educate the church regarding the purposes of Women's Ministries.

enditnow Emphasis Day (fourth Sabbath in August). Renamed enditnow® Emphasis Day in 2014, the fourth Sabbath in August was originally designated Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day.

Women's Ministries coordinates the production and distribution of resource packets on all these days

Six critical Issues that particularly impact Women



#SDAWOMENSMINISTRIES25 - 10 DID YOU KNOW?

The Department of Women's Ministries chose to address six critical issues that particularly impact women around the world. These are certainly challenges for everyone in the church:

- Illiteracy
- Abuse
- Poverty
- Health risks
- Work loads
- Lack of mentoring and leadership training

Before much can be done to address most of these needs, a person must be able to read. Almost one billion adults cannot read; about three-fourths of these are women. They cannot read the instructions on a medicine bottle, fill out an employment form, or read the directions for a household cleaner. Neither can they read a Sabbath School lesson to a child nor read the Bible.

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