

# I Will Go Reach My World



"We have different gifts according to the grace given us..." —ROMANS 12:6, NIV

A MINISTRY FOR EVERY WOMAN



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

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



#### Presenting God in the proper light

A Muslim woman in labor, attended by a Christian midwife and a Jewish doctor, gives birth to a baby boy on Christmas Day. This was a special birth experience for me, and I associate it with Christmas peace.

Jesus came for every human being, no matter what religion, no matter what class, no matter what gender. He, the Son of God, comes into our world to show us what God is really like. A God who is interested in us personally. And he wants us to imitate him and help to present God in the proper light.

Thank you for helping to do this in the past year and for continuing to do so.

Dagmar Dorn, EUD Women's Ministries Director

### COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR DARJA SCHNEIDER



#### Woman appointed as pastor for the Adventist congregations of Munich-Nymphenburg and Pasing

From the high north of Germany (Hamburg) to the deep south (Munich): Pastor Darja Schneider has quickly won the hearts of her "flock" with her vivid sermons and winning manner. Even the regrettable disrespect of individual members towards women in the pastorate that she has experienced cannot change this. Pastor Petko Bonev, her mentor and companion through the year of internship, summed up the meaning of the solemn commissioning service very well in his sermon: "It is about more than a post. It is not about showing men that women can be pastors, too. ... It's about asking the divine blessing for a person who stands here because of her calling, her qualities and spiritual gifts - regardless of her gender." Through the commissioning - a kind of preliminary stage of ordination - Darja Schneider is authorized to perform pastoral acts such as baptisms, weddings, communion services and funerals in the parishes of her district (Munich-Nymphenburg and -Pasing). We wish Darja and her husband Marcel, who as a pastor works in the congregations of the Penzberg district, the backing of our wonderful God, good encounters and enriching experiences in pastoral ministry.

Heidemarie Klingenberg (Wir in Bayern 21-1)

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## VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS



### GIRLS4CHRIST MEETING ON DECEMBER 13, 2020

Due to the Corona virus we again had to meet only by zoom. However, this did not diminish the joy and the fun. This time the meeting was under the motto "Christmas". According to what was agreed on at the last meeting in November, all participants prepared home-baked cookies, punch and tea for consumption in front of the screen. This meant that a cozy atmosphere arose inspite of the distance between each other

The meeting began with listening to the song „Mary did you know" and with an exchange about our favorite Christmas songs and traditions. As we nibbled cookies, we read Romans chapter 8 verse 32 together, and reflected on what it means that "with the Son, all things have been given to us."

To illustrate this, one of the leaders told the story of a famous art collector who, after his death, gave in his will his entire fortune and all his art treasures to the person who would buy the picture of his beloved and deceased son at an auction. As Christians we understand the significance of the story: in the Son, everything is truly given to us! Christmas is a good time to celebrate and reflect deeply on this.

In addition to a deep spiritual impulse, there was, as usual, fun and joy. Two of the leaders had come up with several fun Christmas games. Among other things, Christmas carols had to be gurgled and guessed by the others. Then Christmas carols had to be guessed using emoji pictures. Monkeys covering their ears ("Silent night..."), The screaming emoji and a fir tree ("O, Tannenbaum") and many other funny picture puzzles made the participants laugh. Another game was the so-called Christmas ABC, where we came back to the profound meaning of Christmas. Here we had to name as many things as possible within 30 seconds which have to do with Christmas, according to a certain letter of the alphabet. This was especially difficult for the participants with the letter I. One participant could only think of the word Immanuel, which is actually very touching. After all, that is the center of the meaning of Christmas: Immanuel - God with us. May this thought accompany our participants until January, when the next meeting is scheduled. One of the girls expressed what we all thought: "It is good to see each other regularly. Even if "only" online, to exchange ideas!"

We hope that other groups will also cultivate fellowship even in these difficult times.

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