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News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

ADVENTISTS IN GERMANY ELECT NEW DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT



Daniela Canedo will succeed retiring Angelika Pfaller

Daniela Canedo will take over the leadership of the Women's Ministries Department in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Germany. She will succeed Angelika Pfaller, who is retiring this summer. The Seventh-day Adventist church in Germany consists of two Unions, each serving a part of the country. The North and South German Unions have a joint director for the Women's Ministries department. On April 18 and 25 respectively, the executive committees of the German Unions voted to elect Daniela Canedo as successor for the retiring Women's Ministries (WM) director Angelika Pfaller.

Daniela Canedo

With Daniela Canedo, a woman takes over the leadership of the WM department who is familiar with church structures through her service in various areas for many years. Canedo, who was born in Siegen and trained as a banker in the Westerwald region, has worked as executive assistant in the Central Rhenish Conference, based in Darmstadt since 2012. Since 2019, she has also been the data protection officer for the free church in the three regional entities of Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland. For the past year, she has also worked as director of Women's Ministries in the same region. Canedo is single and, in addition to her native German, speaks English, French and Spanish, which will be useful to her in networking with the department leaders in the other European countries.

She herself is "looking forward to exciting encounters with women and wants to continue the good work of her predecessor, finding her new niches and filling them." She wants to "connect women with each other, make it possible to talk about the unspeakable and reach the younger generation, for example, with a podcast." It's her desire, Canedo told APD, "to help women find their voice and share their faith wherever God wants to use us."

Angelika Pfaller

In July 2012, Angelika Pfaller was appointed to lead the Women's Ministries Department in the South German Union. She also took over leadership of the department in the North German Union a little later, making her the first WM director for the whole of Germany with approximately 65% of the members being women. Prior to that, she served in the same capacity in the Bavarian Conference since the fall of 2009. She says that "ministry with and for women has been a very enriching and beneficial time" for her. During this time, she says, continuing education seminars, women's weekend retreats, and conventions were developed and offered. Especially the strengthening and mentoring of girls and young women (Girls4Christ) has been a special task in these past years. The proclamation of the Word of God has always been at the center.

Pfaller is also a member of the five-member advisory board "Confronting Sexual Violence," which was initiated by the free church in 2010 as an independent expert committee of counselors. On the one hand, it prepares materials and, on the other, deals with concrete cases that are brought to its attention in accordance with its assigned competence. Angelika Pfaller is married and has two grown-up children. In retirement she is looking forward to spending time with her husband Max, which has been somewhat lacking in the last 12 years. Source: APD © Photo: private

Advisory of the Women's Ministries Department of the Central Rhenish Conference



FROM EVE TO ... ME

From Eve to ... me - discovering female identity in the Bible. This was the theme of this year's weekend retreat via zoom of the Women's Ministry team with the speaker Juliane Schmidt (pastor in Mainz-livingroom and Bad Kreuznach). The biblical „expedition“ was as inspiring as the diverse supporting program from the different parts of our conference. And once again we were able to experience what a gift functioning technology is, especially in these times. Strengthened and enriched, there was also enough time to plan events at the conference level in 2022. Meanwhile, we can already look forward to the D A CH-Kogress in Schwäbisch Gmünd in the fall of 2022.

Let's Talk



GETTING IN TOUCH WITH OTHER WOMEN

For the first time, women's representatives of the local churches in the Central Rhenish Conference, Germany, met online with the director of the Women's Ministries Department, Daniela Canedo, to discuss the available possibilities of getting or staying in touch with women and what program ideas are also possible in a pandemic. The exchange of thoughts in the small group was good and suggestions were made for topics for the next meeting. Maybe then more women will be participating. Among other things the topic will be using the possibilities in Telegram.

NORTH GERMAN ADVENTISTS VOTE TO IMPLEMENT EQUAL ORDINATION PRACTICE FOR MEN AND WOMEN



Executive Committee Takes up Resolution from 2012

In its regular meeting on April 25, the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Northern and Eastern Germany (North German Union/NGU) decided to finally implement the equal ordination of men and women in pastoral ministry. The implementation of the decision, which was already made in 2012, had been postponed several times for reasons of church politics.

The executive committee of the North German Union voted: that the Seventh-day Adventist Church, North German Union, will ordain men and women to the worldwide office of pastor with immediate effect (Ministerial Credential, WP E 05 10 (3), WP L 35 - L 40, GO p. 42). This updates the decision of the constituency session of the North German Union of 2012 to give all pastors a service of "blessing." Pastors who received a "blessing" under the 2012 interim solution as decided by the North German Union Association Committee (WP E 5 10) (Resolution No. 328a of the North German Union Association Committee of June 18/19, 2016) will receive credentials for ordination retrospectively.

Background

According to Pastor Johannes Naether, president of the NGU, the 2012 resolution was not implemented at the time. One reason was that there were no female pastors in the NDV area who had received an ordination recommendation at that time. Another reason was that a theological study group (Theology of Ordination Study Committee/TOSC) was appointed in 2013 to work on the issue of ordination of women. The NGU did not want to preempt this process. After all, as a result of the work of he TOSC, a motion was to be made at the 2015 General Conference session in San Antonio to give church divisions the freedom to decide on the ordination of women as pastors. Again, the NGU did not want to anticipate a possible positive vote. However, this motion did not receive a majority vote in San Antonio in 2015.

Considering the decision of 2012, the NDV leadership decided in 2016 to grant both men and women without distinction a commissioning in the form of "blessing,“ so that global church unity would be preserved. With this interim solution, female and male pastors in the area of the NGU were to equally receive a "blessing" through the laying on of hands according to the biblical model.

Warning of NGU by world church leadership

Naether went on to explain that the NGU found that this compromise was met with rejection by the General Conference(GC) and resulted in a warning by the Executive Committee of the GC, even though the NGU was within the framework of the

Working Policy with its 2016 decision. This resulted in a request in December 2019 to the NGU governing body to "implement or retroactively certify the Geseke (2012) decision to "ordain women" in the future. However, this request was postponed until after the GC session scheduled six months later. The pandemic upset these schedules, so the GC session was postponed twice and is now scheduled for May 2022.

Plea for justice and equal treatment

Since currently "the crucial messages on these issues come from outside of the church, mostly through civil society engagement," Naether said, "we should learn to lovingly but courageously shake our own system and not just act according to a familiar pattern." That put the December 2019 motion to ordain women to the global pastoral ministry back on the agenda and to "stand up for biblically based values such as justice and equality." Naether assessed this as a "valuable contribution to the development of his church" and it also corresponds to Reformation thinking.

Reference to the situation of the world church

Pastor Mario Brito, president of the Intereuropean Division, who was present, followed the engaged debate and asked the meeting participants not to lose sight of the situation of the world church. "I am not against women's ordination in Europe, while other parts of the world can choose not to do so. My concern is that we are doing this against a decision of the General Conference. It will set a precedent that will be used against us even in our own region." He recommended that the decision be reconsidered.

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General Conference Women's Ministries



VIDEO MESSAGE FROM HEATHER-DAWN SMALL

Have you ever asked yourself, "Am I saved?" The answer is, Salvation is yours, freely given by Jesus, once you've received Him into your heart--and this is a daily experience. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, we are saved. When we confess our sins, they are forgiven because of the grace

He extends to each one of us. Heather-Dawn Small shares a few promises for you to claim for assurance of salvation. God desires to save you. Have you accepted His offer?

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Women's Impulse Sabbath in the Kassel District



SEVERAL HIGHLIGHTS

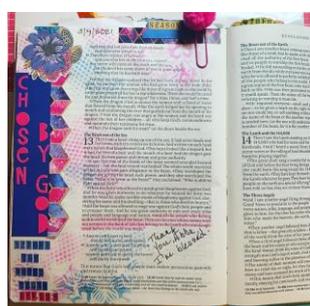
EUDWOMEN.ORG NEWS WOMEN'S IMPULSE SABBATH IN THE KASSEL DISTRICT

True to the motto 'Inspire. Encourage. Design' the church members in the Kassel district of the Mid-Rhenish Conference were able to accompany and witness a young woman presenting her first sermon. That was touching, as was the esteem in which the young sister was held by the congregation. Thank you. We are all learners, and together we can

further the growth of new talents.

In the afternoon, after many months of social distancing, the women came together in Kassel for a joyous meeting in person. It was also the occasion to thank Brigitte Hein who was stepping down. She had started women's activities many years ago. After Dany Canedo's impulse on Judges chapter 1 a lively exchange followed about how to understand women's roles from that time up to now, while in another room the girls4christ met for a special program.

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