

# I Will Go Reach My World



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"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

### I will Go - Global Women's Ministries Conference



#### TWO-DAY ONLINE EVENT

Women from around the world came together online on October 29, 2021, on youtube and Facebook to celebrate the Women's Ministries call "I will go – reach my world."

Heather-Dawn Small and Raquel Arrais of the General Conference Women's Ministries

Department hosted the conference. The speakers on the first day were: Dr. Ella Simmons, Erica Jones, Dr. Katia Garcia Reinert, and Carolyn Rathbun Sutton. Kenia Reyes introduced the reports from world regions which included beautiful musical performances. The encouraging messages and the time spent in prayer touched the hearts of the participants. The comments in the chat section showed appreciation for the program and thanks to God for the wonderful opportunity to join together around the world in this way.

On the second day Dr. Ella Simmons wrapped up in her keynote speech how we need the Holy Spirit when we follow God's call to go and reach our world. Dr. Linda Koh, who has led the Children's Ministries Department at the General Conference since 1995 spoke about building bridges for eternity. Dr. Katia Reinert reminded us of how important it is to guard our mental well-being when uncertainty strikes. Dr. Janice Johnson Browne spoke about the amazing power of prayer. In addition to these inspiring messages we were able to continue our trip around the world of Women's Ministries with reports from the various regions, showing how our women have been involved with helping others during the last 18 months of the Covid pandemic.

This conference has been a joy and a blessing to the women of the church around the world. And yet it ended with a sad moment when Heather-Dawn Small, General Conference Women's Ministries Director, had to announce the departure of her faithful assistant for the last 16 years, Raquel Arrais. Raquel and her husband have accepted appointments to the North Asia Pacific Division with headquarters in Seoul, Korea, where they will be serving the people of Asia. Heather-Dawn and Raquel have worked so well as a great team and Raquel will be missed in this position around the world. Thank you for your faithful service and my God bless you as you continue on your journey of service.

The whole program will remain on the General Conference Women's Ministries Youtube channel:

[www.youtube.com/watch](http://www.youtube.com/watch).

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Reported by Hannele Ottschowski

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## Women's Ministries Associate Director Relocates



### HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR RAQUEL ARRAIS

Raquel Queiroz da Costa Arrais, Associate director of WM at the General Conference received a call to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division with her husband to lead the Women's Ministries, Children's Ministry, Family Ministries departments, and the Ministerial Spouses Association. She has, along with Heather Dawn Small, shaped, enriched, and developed the Women's Ministries Division in the General Conference for the past 16 years.

Raquel has been a popular and valued guest speaker in our division whether at conventions, continuing education seminars, or conferences. She was able to inspire the audience with her lively and captivating personality. Her authentic manner made her credible and thus she encouraged and enriched many women. It was important to her to bring women into a personal relationship with Jesus, to discover their gifts and talents, and to use them in service to God and their fellow men.

She was also instrumental in shaping the Scholarship Program and we are very grateful that our division was always included among the recipients. This has benefited many young women who are now serving

I want to join the women of the Inter-European Division in thanking Raquel from the bottom of our hearts for her passion for Women's Ministries, her always listening ear, her appreciation, and the many helpful inputs she has given. We will miss her.

May God's blessings and strength be with her in this new task.

“Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. He will see to it that all the work related to the Temple of the LORD is finished correctly” 1.Chronicles 28,20

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## Spanish Women's Ministries commemorate Women of Reformation



### SOME WOMEN OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

When we think of the reformation, the names of men like Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Ulrich Zwingli come to our minds. The protestant churches celebrate Reformation Day on October 31, in remembrance of Luther who posted his 95 Theses on this day in 1517. Posting has become much easier with social media and so the Women's Ministries Department of the Spanish Union wanted to remind us of the involvement of women in the reformation by posting a series of portraits of women of the Reformation on their Instagram account (ministeriomujeriasd).

Throughout history, women have been silenced both actively and passively. They were not allowed to occupy public positions and they were refused access to education. Only women of high social classes had the privilege of education, but even they were silenced and ignored by history, despite bringing great contributions to achievements and discoveries.

Women in the Protestant Reformation are hardly ever discussed. That is why a post showing women like Juana de Albret, Margarita de Navarra, Elisabeth von Brandenburg, Ursula Münstenberg, Katherine Schütz Zell, Argula von Grumbach and Marie Dentiere is intended to open our eyes to the influence of these great women. Knowing our history is fundamental, and having women as points of reference is very inspiring. The original posts were created on @teoelemental

Thanks to all those women who have made history. Thanks to the women who contributed to the Reformation, despite having a thousand more obstacles than the men of their time. We are grateful because it is also thanks to them that we today enjoy our faith and are free in Christ.

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## Women's Ministries Directors of the Franco-Belgian Union meet



### ANNUAL ADVISORY

The Franco-Belgian Union consists of three conferences: Northern France, Southern France and the Belgium-Luxemburg Conference. The Women's Ministries Department has a Director in each of the Conferences. At this meeting of WM leaders Corine Timofte, Union Women's Ministries Director, thanked Enide Cadasse for her 8 years of service in this ministry in the North France Conference and also thanked Marie Pierre Péchoux for having developed the department in the south with a small token of gratitude. At the same time, she welcomed Annick Delettre, as the new director for the North France conference and Yvonne Ajiñça-Briand for Belgium and Luxemburg and dedicated their service with prayer. Brother Golea gave spiritual input and answered administrative questions. As always, the exchange of experiences and ideas was valuable as they talked about the activities in each conference as well as the projects to come. The women of the Franco-Belgian Union are spiritually committed and very active despite the circumstances related to the epidemic.

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## Latin American Adventist Women in Northern Italy Meet



### WOMEN'S RETREAT IN RIMINI, ITALY

From October 23 to 24, 2021, forty Latin women from various churches around northern Italy came together in Miramare in Rimini for a spiritual retreat to worship God and to renew their pact with Him. This was the first post-pandemic program offered to women in person and so they were full of joy to be able to gather. They studied the Bible together, took walks on the beach and just enjoyed being together as sisters in Christ. According to a report by Victoria Dinas, the director of the Women's Ministries of the Certosa Latin American Adventist Church in Milano, Italy.

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## Women's Ministries on Voice of Hope Radio in Italy (RVS)



### TITLE OF THE PROGRAM: WOMEN ON THE NET

On Tuesday, October 12, it was the turn of Women's Ministries to participate in the weekly program "FDEI - Women on the Net" produced by the Adventist radio station RVS and included in the national schedule. FDEI is the Federation of Evangelical Women in Italy and is made up of the women's movements of the protestant churches: Baptist, Methodist, Waldensian, Lutheran, Reformed of Ticino, Adventist, Salvation Army. This is a beautiful initiative that gives women a voice. The program, lasting 15-20 minutes, is structured in a simple way, with a biblical reflection, a musical moment and a brief interview with a guest. Our program aired the day after the International Day of the Girl Child, so I chose to reflect on the biblical experience of the very young girl who was a servant to Naaman's wife, as told in 2 Kings 5:1-5. The guest of the interview was Franca Zucca, memorable director of Women's Ministries in Italy, who is now retired, and who spoke about the work of our department.

You can listen to the program at this link: [hopemedia.it/donne-fdei-federazione-donne-evangeliche-in-italia-donne-in-rete-6/](https://hopemedia.it/donne-fdei-federazione-donne-evangeliche-in-italia-donne-in-rete-6/) &nbsp;

The next featured event will be on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Reported by Lina Ferrara, national director of Women's Ministries of the Italian Union

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## Women's Weekend from October 8-10 at Bergheim Mühlenrahmede



### IN-PERSON RETREAT IN GERMANY

On Friday, October 8, thirty women arrived at the Bergheim Mühlenrahmede to experience a long-awaited women's weekend. You could feel right away that the women had missed seeing each other and getting together for meetings very much.

The speaker was Olga Scharf. With her chosen topic: "Change through Forgiveness" she had us all on board very quickly and probably there was not a single participant for whom the topic was "not a topic".

Forgiveness is not easy for everyone. Depending on the severity of the offense to be forgiven, it can be a very lengthy process. But if we are willing to forgive with God's help, we will feel afterward how a heavy burden is lifted from us and hopefully also from our counterpart. If then a harmonious connection can again be restored, so much the better!

As in the old days, the participants enjoyed delicious food and that was always ready when needed and they are looking forward to the next retreat.

As reported by Rita Pütz

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## WOMEN'S SABBATH IN LUEBECK, HANSE CONFERENCE, GERMANY



### WHAT DOES RESPECT MEAN

On October 9, 2021, the Women's Ministries department of the Hanse Conference organized the second women's Sabbath on the topic of 'Respect, what does it mean' in the Lübeck church. The topic was of interest both for women as well as men. Maren Schmidt, who is a specialist in education for the hearing-impaired, led through the program with a very professionally prepared presentation.

The sun was shining with full force and promised to give us a great Sabbath. Women came from far and near and joined in with joy. The church was full, of course in compliance with the Corona measures, with necessary distance and masks.

A short video clip by Lorient showed with humor the problems of communication between women and men. What is good communication? The parallels between respect and love, what the Bible says about this topic, and how we can develop and optimize things were developed. Eye to eye or side by side?

With the sun shining radiantly, the potluck was enjoyed in the church garden. Delicious food, sunshine, and good conversation...what more could you ask for?

In the afternoon, 25 women, deepened the theme of the sermon and experienced various things at four activity points. The accompanying men also elsewhere in the afternoon for a discussion on the sermon and a barbecue.

I could see on their faces how happy everyone was to be there. An hour and a half after the program officially ended, no one wanted to leave. That just shows the longing for fellowship and normality.

Until we meet again, be blessed and stay safe.

Reported by Nancy Duske, Hanse WM Director

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