

I Will Go Reach My World



NURTURE



EMPOWER



OUTREACH

"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

ORANGE MEANS: END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



#OrangeYourWorld

On 16 days from November 25 to December 10, we will be posting messages to draw attention to the problem of violence against women and girls and its devastating effects on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/eudwomensministries>

This period is deliberately chosen: the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed November 25 as the Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and December 10 has been declared Human Rights Day. Under the slogan 'Orange The World', UN Women picked up the ball in 2008 and the movement has been spreading around the globe ever since.

The editnow campaign of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and ADRA also support the action. It is time to end all violence, but particularly violence against women and children. We will be sharing messages created by UNWOMEN about people who are actively engaged in changing women's situations and making their world safer. Join us with your actions and orange your world!

Women's Ministries National Convention in Spain



INSPIRED BY HIS LOVE

During the weekend of November 12-14, 2021, a large part of the Women's Ministries leaders and counselors of the Adventist Churches from all around the country had the opportunity to meet at the Adventist Multi-Adventure Camp of Entrepeñas in Spain.

The theme of the meeting was "Inspired by His love" and different topics of great interest to women were discussed. The Convention's keynote speaker was Sara Hernandez, Promoter of Gender Equality and member of the national Women's Ministries management team, who helped us learn how to approach Women's Ministries at the local level from an egalitarian point

of view. Likewise, how to empower women and combat a sexist interpretation of the Bible about women. We were also blessed to welcome Dagmar Dorn, the Division's Women's Ministries Director, who encouraged and counseled us in our projects. She also preached the Sabbath sermon with the title "You are worth it".

Different dynamic workshops offered tools to the directors so that Women's Ministries can function and respond to the needs of women within the church and outside. Maya Macier, a social worker and team member, showed the leaders and counselors the need to create support groups for women. Mercedes Martinez, high school science teacher and member of the Women's Ministries Advisory Committee, provided tools for effective Women's Ministries leadership in her workshop. Clara Nicolae, psychologist, a specialist in Gender Equality, and a member of the team, tried to acquaint the leaders and counselors with the

reality that young girls live and how to help them and integrate them effectively in women's ministries through various proposals for action.

The Convention allowed us to get to know each other better, strengthen bonds, give us the strength to carry out new projects and feel how wonderful it is to be united in Jesus. We are certain that God is blessing us greatly and that He is accompanying us in this challenging task. We trust that He will open the doors so that we can be a light in our churches, neighborhoods, and communities. In the meantime, we continue to work with renewed courage and knowing that we can rely on a network of wonderful women who are very clear about the mission of Christ.

As reported by Clara Nicolae

Advent Calendar with Bible Verses



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Jasmin Stanoschefskey of the Women's Ministries Department in the Baden-Wuerttemberg Conference has once again created a beautiful set of cards for individual Advent Calendars. She is inviting women to print and cut them out and to give them away. She writes, „Please give your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances a little joy and give them good, biblical impulses for faith and life during the Advent.“ You can contact her on instagram: @artventistin

NEWS FROM ROMANIA



ROMANIAN WM TEAM MEETING FOR MISSION IDEAS

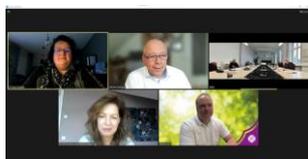
On November 2, 2021, the Romanian Women's Ministries team gathered together online to discuss the activities projected for the year 2022. The Women's Ministries directors of the Union and Conferences presented the activities that will be implemented next year. Projects, experiences and ideas of activities were discussed, analyzed and written up on paper.

Even if we are still in a pandemic situation, the dynamic of helping and serving others has not stopped. On the contrary, we have been encouraged to be more active in many ways, to fulfill the people's needs around us. We pray and hope to have a wonderful year in serving people for God's glory!

As reported by Liliana Radu, WM director, Romanian Union

Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Germany studies Equality

TASK FORCE TAKES UP ITS WORK



On November 4, 2021, a task force studying "Equality in the Church" had its first meeting online. The intention of the meeting was to consider first strategic ways to anchor the topic in the policies of the church and to create awareness of equality at all levels. It is not only a question about how women pastors are treated but also about the general attitude to and treatment of women in our churches. Christians should be advocates of equality in all aspects of life just as God does not differentiate in his offer of salvation to all.

The participants of the meeting were the presidents of both German Unions and other top administrators and legal advisors as well as the Women's Ministries Director for the German Unions and the Equal Opportunities Officer of the Bavarian Conference.

LATIN AMERICAN CHURCH IN ITALY AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION AND CONFERENCE IN VIMODRONE

Combating violence against women and girls is an issue close to the heart of Women's Ministries. On the afternoon of Saturday, October 23, the Latin American Adventist Church of Milan, which has its place of worship in Vimodrone in the Milan hinterland, and the local Women's Ministries group organized a public demonstration to raise awareness against all forms of abuse. The event took place at the Piazza Unità d'Italia with the permission of the Municipality of Vimodrone. The women wore scarves and opened orange umbrellas, the color chosen by the United Nations to say "no" to gender-based violence. They then paraded through the square showing placards with the words "Love never hits" and "Silence kills", to emphasize the need to denounce violence. The event was also an opportunity to publicize the following Saturday's conference, organized in the church.

In fact, on Saturday, November 30, the day at the church began with a sermon by Franca Zucca, former director of Women's Ministries in Italy and now the Women's Ministries liaison in Lombardy, who preached on the theme of the Enditnow Day 2021. In the afternoon there was a conference with two speakers: Franca Zucca who spoke on "Violence in the face of pornography"; and Franco Mazzarella, from the Latin America coordination of Amnesty International Italy, who illustrated the campaign theme "I ask. Without consent it is rape." In November, other churches in Italy will dedicate a Saturday to the enditnow Day to stop all forms of abuse.

As reported by Lina Ferrara, Italian Union WM Director Photo: Vittorio Boria

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