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

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NORTHERN TRANSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ORGANIZES "SPRING EMOTION" MEETING

"Spring Emotion" is the title of an event organised by the Ianna Association / Chosen Flower - Special Education Centre in collaboration with the City of Câmpia Turzii, Carine Day Centre, Pro Assisto Association, Pavel Dan High School in Câmpia Turzii and Ioan Opreș Secondary School in

Turda. On this occasion, mothers of children with disabilities were invited to a special program. Among the special guests were the Mayor of Câmpia Turzii, Mr Dorin Nicolae Lojigan, accompanied by his mother, and Ms Irina Munteanu, Prefect of Cluj County.

The event was opened with a greeting by the president of the Association, Ms Simona Anca, the guests were introduced. They were given the opportunity to address a word of encouragement to the heroic mothers. A group of children presented a sketch as well as some poems and songs. After the musical program, three of the mothers present told about their experiences as sensitive and strong women who struggle daily with illness. The 80 mothers at the meeting were then able to enjoy a wonderful musical recital presented by two artists, Magda Pușcaș, vocal soloist and Ioan Onișor, guitar.

At the end of the event, the participants received roses, books ("Guide to women's health"), boxes of sweets and brooches made by children.

Reported by Simona Anca, director of the Women's Ministries Department, Northern Transylvania

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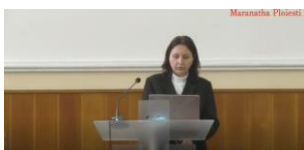


GOOD NEWS FROM THE MOLDOVA CONFERENCE

"It was a full day in the Șerbănești Church in Bacău on the occasion of the International Women's Day of Prayer. We had a full program from Friday evening when we read the greeting of Heather Dawn Small, Director of Women's Mission in General Conference. We talked about prayer, sang a lot, and experiences with answers to prayer were shared. Eight people presented how wonderfully God answered their requests.

The Sabbath morning spiritual message, "Prayer in the Last Days", was presented by Viorica Avrămiea, and in the afternoon the seminar "Why Prayer Matters" was presented by Iulia Onțanu, social worker. Flowers were offered to all the women and girls present, as well as to the members of the church, particularly the sick or elderly. Friends interested in God's truth who were not present were visited at home. There were 80 people present in the morning and 30 in the afternoon. "We also thank our sisters at the General Conference for the excellent material prepared", noted Viorica Avramiea, who is in charge of the Singles Department of the Union Conference. "You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas" (Psalm 65:5 NIV)

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER IN PLOIESTI, MUNTENIA CONFERENCE

The Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ploiesti welcomed Gianina Floricel, Director of the Women's Mission Department, Muntenia Conference as their special guest and speaker on the International Women's Day of Prayer.

Her presentation on the importance of prayer today can be watched on www.facebook.com/watch/live/

Women's History Month (4/7)



WHAT WOULD THE CHURCH BE WITHOUT WOMEN?

During Women's History Month we want to remind you of the impact women have made on the development of the Seventh-Day Adventist church in seven short reflections.

“When a great and decisive work is to be done, God chooses men and women to do this work, and it will see the loss if the talents of both are not combined.” (Evangelism, 469)

In the Seventh-Day Adventist Church the author of these lines, Ellen G. White, is held in high esteem as a woman who received instructions directly from God. She was very important for the development of the church. Ellen White was convinced that the church needed the talents of its women.

In the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, women have served in almost every capacity and performed many different tasks. We must take note of the role of women and their accomplishments in the church to encourage us to preserve the memory and to inspire future generations to take up the tasks their forbearers faithfully carried out.

Between 1844 and 1915, Ellen Gould Harmon White served as the mouthpiece of God and called women to use their gifts to build the kingdom of God. Hundreds, even thousands of women followed this call. Many did it without recognition. Others worked with their husbands in unnoticed, loyal, self-sacrificing, and caring labor. Many of the early missionaries lost their lives on the mission field, and yet they were willing to go out to preach the good news. These men and women worked together and can still be role models for us today.

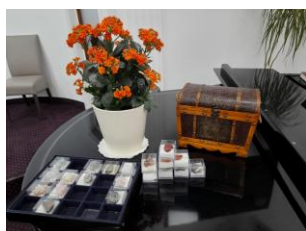
Women are the foundation of the local church, even though in earlier times church leadership was often entrusted to men only. Through their tireless efforts, which often remain without recognition, women have supported the work of the church through their financial resources and personal commitment. Today women make up about 60 to 70% of the church membership.

Women were active in many fields. The publishing work was important for the spreading of the message especially in early times by articles and books. Many women initially worked at the Review and Herald Publishing House, where they moved from simple positions to positions of responsibility or were otherwise entrusted with major tasks.

The Tract and Missionary Societies where many women held positions of leadership were a precursor of the Home Missionary Department. Tracts were printed and distributed and church members trained in missionary work.

This is an extract from the Book Tired of Waiting – Women in Church and Society by Hannele Ottshofski, available on amzn.to/3HSP3e

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WOMEN'S PRAYER DAY IN MEDIAȘ, SOUTHERN TRANSILVANIA CONFERENCE

On the Sabbath of March 5, 2022, on the occasion of the International Women's Day of Prayer, special divine services were held in the Izvor Church in Mediaș, in which the sisters actively ministered. The sermon was divided into four sections representing the four lessons we drew from the main theme "Prayer in the Last Days," each section being presented by a lady. The presentations had the personal touch of each presenter, beautifully tied together by the same

motif: connection with God - the most important thing in a Christian's life.

On Sabbath afternoon we drew inspiration from Joshua's experience of crossing the Jordan and taking stones out of the Jordan to make an altar of remembrance. The program was divided into three parts.

1. Stones of remembrance. We asked the sisters to also draw "stones from the Jordan of their lives" - experiences, which cannot be forgotten and which strengthened their connection with God. To make this memorable, we used semi-precious stones. After telling their story the women would take a stone and place it in the designated place, creating a remembrance altar together. This part took up most of the time because there were so many experiences.

2. Prayer chest. After remembering what God has done for us, we can only continue to trust Him. At this point, we had notes that we passed around the room and urged everyone present to trust and ask the Lord for what they felt they need. All the written prayers were collected in a small box and then someone prayed for all of them.

3. Reconciliation. When we remember the Lord's goodness and know that He is always with us, we can only say like Joshua, "Lord, I and my house want to serve you!" There were several prayers from the floor.

Among the themes presented, the children's voices delighted us with song. They were also the ones who distributed and collected the materials.

It was a beautiful and emotional Sabbath, leaving us all fulfilled and joyful. About 85 people attended. After the divine service, each lady, young lady and little girl received a flower in a pot.

Reported by Lidia Mărginean, coordinator of the Women's Mission Department, Izvor Community, Mediaș

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WOMEN'S PRAYER DAY IN THE SOUTHERN TRANSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

"The International Women's Day of Prayer was also celebrated at the Teleac Church in Mures County. We prepared with great enthusiasm, with many prayers and devotion for this day in which we truly felt the presence of God. It was a true celebration, a wonderful fellowship with each other and with Jesus, our dear Friend. We had great fellowship with both the ladies of the church and our dear visitors.

We prayed fervently, with a special feeling, knowing that we were praying together with women all over the world. Our hearts also went out to the women of Ukraine and we held a moment of silence for them. The inspiring words, Joshua's example of dedicating our lives to the Lord, were truly encouraging at the turning points, in the face of the waves of the Jordan. It was an atmosphere full of peace and joy. About 50 people attended. At the end of the program a carnation and a small treat were given to each participant as a symbol of prayer and fellowship. May God be glorified for all and inspire us constantly to a true life of prayer," said Anna Nădășan, Director of the Women's Ministries Department, Southern Transylvania.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER IN BETHEL (ARAD) AND CARANSEBES, BANAT CONFERENCE

March 5, 2022, was one of the important days in the Seventh-day Adventist World Church, as it was designated International Women's Day of Prayer. On this special day, women from all over the world prayed together, studied the Bible together and enjoyed the opportunity to engage in various ministry activities. The spiritually charged material entitled "Prayer in the Last Days" highlighted Joshua's faith and obedience in his relationship with God and the wonderful way He responded to him. The seminar "Why Prayer Matters" made the audience aware of the

importance of prayer and our need to come before God, but also of the joy and eagerness with which the Lord wants to answer our requests.

In this context of joy, but also of consecration before God, about 90 women from Bethel, Arad and Caransebeș churches prayed and consecrated themselves to God, feeling encouraged by the words spoken on this occasion. At the end of the meetings, the women were given flowers. Reported by: Mariana Toma, director of the Women's Ministries Department, Banat Conference, Romania

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VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS IN ARAD, BANAT CONFERENCE, ROMANIA

The joy of lifting the Covid-19 restrictions led to a healthy cooking class in Arad, Salem Community. The event was organized especially for women by the Women's Ministries Department led by, Denisia Tautan and her team. On March 13, 21 people participated in this occasion of learning, practicing and tasting healthy and tasty dishes.

The coordinating chef, Doru, introduced the students to the art of vegetarian cooking, demonstrating, through simple but ingenious combinations, how to make a gourmet meal.

The rich menu consisted of appetizers, two main courses and a dessert, offering the participants a diverse range of dishes, demonstrating that it is possible to eat healthy, tasty and vegetarian food. The beautifully laid table, the tasty products, the cheerfulness and the good mood marked the long-awaited meeting. At the end of the meeting, each participant also received a handmade card. Reported by Mariana Toma, director of the Women's Ministries Department, Banat Conference

International Women's Day of Prayer 2022 in the church of Bari, Italy



STONES OF REMEMBRANCE

On Sabbath, March 5, on the occasion of the International Women's Day of Prayer, the Adventist community of Bari experienced a special morning, dedicated to the importance of prayer, the only place where we can find comfort and peace in these times of uncertainty, loneliness and fear.

Starting from the experience of Joshua, who had to lead the people of Israel into the promised land, we analyzed the strategies he put in place to overcome, from time to time, the many difficulties and how he pursued the task entrusted to him. The biblical account highlights an attitude of faith, submission, and listening to God's voice in prayer. One aspect highlighted in the account is the construction of an altar to commemorate the miraculous crossing of the waters of the Jordan, erected with the twelve stones that each representative of the tribes of Israel had taken from the riverbed. God commands that his miracles should not be forgotten, but that they should be told to their children from generation to generation.

At the end of the sermon, the local Women's Ministries Department gave each person present the opportunity to take a stone to take home, as a memorial of what God has done in their lives. That stone is meant to be a symbol of one's altar of remembrance, so we never lose the certainty that God is on our side.

Reported by Santa Abiusi, Women's Ministries coordinator for the Southern Region of Italy.

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