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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

SECOND SABBATH OF JUNE



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EMPHASIS DAY

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day is on the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Calendar of Days and Events and falls on the second Sabbath each June. It is an opportunity for women to lead out in a worship service and a chance to educate the church regarding the purposes of Women's Ministries. It is an ideal time to introduce your leaders and committee to the church family and to invite women who have not been involved to join.

The Women's Ministries leader should meet with the pastor in good time to discuss special plans for this Sabbath. This is a possible opportunity to plan a full day of activities including Sabbath School, the worship service, a fellowship dinner, and perhaps an afternoon program. The leader may also want to use this time to honor women in the congregation who have done something unusual or outstanding. Resources for this purpose are available through the Conference Women's Ministries director.

Please feel free to edit and translate the resource packet. We encourage you to adapt it according to your division's needs, including the best Bible version for your use. You may print it and reproduce it if you'd like to share it with others. We encourage you to use it in your church's Women's Ministries Emphasis Day program.

Download the resource packet from:

eudwomen.org/en/special-days/womens-ministries-day/

or

women.adventist.org/women-s-ministries-emphasis-day

Women's Ministries of Soleuvre (Luxembourg)



FRIENDLY OUTING IN NATURE F

EUDWOMEN.ORG NEWS WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF SOLEUVRE (LUXEMBOURG)

On May 15, 2022, a Women's Ministries Group in Soleuvre, Luxemburg, came together to enjoy an outing in nature, to walk and talk and share a meal. The photos prove that they had a good time together

Women's weekend in Wittensee, Germany



HANSE CONFERENCE WOMEN LEARN ABOUT RESILIENCE

It was definitely a long time ago, probably about twenty years or a little more, when I first experienced the Women's Weekend in Wittensee on a Sabbath as a day guest. At that time the surrounding area was not yet as densely developed as it is today. Now there are pretty, inviting vacation homes with great gardens around the Wittensee Recreation Center, which has Christian leadership. This area is a real oasis for me as a nature lover.

A sister from my congregation in Lübeck gave me the impetus, it would certainly do me a lot of good if I participated in this year's women's weekend at the beginning of May. Admittedly, I hesitated to sign up for it, for various reasons. I also didn't feel able to endure the company of about thirty women for an entire weekend. But curiosity won out. And it was the best decision I have made in a long time.

On-site, we were about twenty women who took single or double rooms in the cozy houses from the eighties. The bungalows have biblical names like Simeon or Naftali. Women from different areas of the Hanse Conference came together, ranging in age from their late thirties to their mid-eighties. All of them were seasoned women with their life stories, their different, multi-layered characters, goals, and dreams.

As daughters of our Creator, we had a bond, joy, and strength that I enjoyed immensely. I was deeply moved and delighted to be a woman, to be aware of what a gift it is to be free to be me, as I am among my peers in this protected community. As women, we have strength, courage and a special inner resilience, foresight, and warmth of heart.

There were many funny and also serious conversations among us sisters lasting until the early morning hours. I have seldom talked, eaten, and laughed so much, also cried and cried along.

I would also like to report on the workshop on resilience, through which we experienced so much good this weekend, receiving and rediscovering the tools to mentally, spiritually, and emotionally face life and its adventures, coming closer to the goal hand in hand with God. Kellyane, who is from Brazil, patiently and calmly brought us closer to the subject in different stages and interactive group work.

In short, it was great and now I want to go to this "Women's Power Filling Station" at Wittensee every year.

As reported by a participant

First Post-Pandemic in-Person Meeting



WOMEN IN FRENCH-SPEAKING SWITZERLAND MEET IN LAUSANNE

After two years of waiting, due to covid, we were finally able to organize our Women's Meeting in French-speaking Switzerland, also involving the music department and the prayer department.

On Sunday, May 1, 2022, 40 women showed up at the church in Lausanne at 9:30 a.m., intrigued by the topic "God in my Life." The breakfast with which the day began, helped to establish early contacts but also to see again those who had not seen each other for a long time.

After the welcome and presentation by Bernadette (WM Director) and Karin (Assistant WM Director) there followed a powerpoint presentation, organized by the prayer department of the Ticino group that had prayed for this event and the sisters of Romandie. In October, when this same event will be organized for and in Ticino, it will be the sisters from French Switzerland who will be praying for them. The purpose of this procedure is to create more unity and sisterhood between the two language realities, Ticino with Italian and Swiss Romandie with French.

Then the music department team lead a good half hour of singing praise songs, beginning with the theme song "Pour moi tu l'as fait"(You did it for me). They had put together a "bouquet" of songs, one more beautiful than the other, which helped to elevate the spirit by creating a convivial atmosphere.

Afterwards Bernadette presented a meditation based on Psalm 77:11,12, where we are encouraged to remember and praise the Lord for His deeds and miracles of long ago. Focusing on those in her own life, Bernadette briefly recounted some experiences she had with the Lord in the past. Taking their cue from this meditation, the women were asked to reflect for a few minutes on their life experiences with the Lord and write them down. After that, they were divided into small groups where they shared these experiences with each other.

In the third part of this workshop there was an exchange of impressions and opinions on the difference between writing down for oneself the experience with the Lord and that of sharing, witnessing with other people. They all agreed on the fact, that telling others about one's experience made with the Lord, is more elevating and gives more joy and strength, increases faith and leads to the desire to tell more. With this Workshop we wanted to help people understand how many things the Lord has done

in their lives, as well as the importance of witnessing and sharing either in prayer groups or in meeting groups. This can increase our faith and the faith of others. The morning ended with some singing.

As the day was sunny, the majority gathered in a nearby park for a picnic.

The afternoon started again with songs of praise, followed by a meditation given by Karin, based on the text in John 4:28-30,39, which tells about the testimony of the Samaritan woman.

The theme of the afternoon was "What has God changed in my life?" Several women told about their profound and touching experiences they had with the Lord. In between we sang and prayed. We truly have a great God who has done so many miracles, both big and small. One sister shared with us the powerful story of her struggle with depression for seven years and how God healed her after special prayer within half a day. Her spirit is no longer downcast, she is without pain, she has strength and energy again. Praise the Lord for this!

This special and blessed day was concluded with the song "Blessing," as we shook hands wishing each other the blessings of the Lord. It was a powerful and profound moment!

We were all enriched by the shared testimonies, songs and prayers. We realized even more, that telling, witnessing our experiences made with the Lord, what He has done and changed in our lives enriches us, does us good, both for those who tell and those who listen.

Blessed with this certainty, the joy and satisfaction of this rich day, and with new momentum the women slowly took their leave. I thank the Lord for His presence and for this special day for us. May the flame of enthusiasm and joy keep burning in the hearts of these women so that they can be powerful lights of hope in this world.

As reported by Bernadette Fogliani, Women's Ministries Director, FSRT

Women's Ministries Activities in Romania



REPORTS FROM MUNTENIA, OLTENIA, AND MOLDOVA CONFERENCES

Muntenia Conference: A Mother's Prayer

On March 8, Zion Church of Ploiesti prepared a special program for women, entitled "A Mother's Prayer." The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music, presentations about mothers from the Bible, poems, and surprises. On this occasion, more than 120 participants received a pot with a flower made of gingerbread.

Gratitude and praise to God for the mothers of the community blessed the hearts of those present.

As reported by Mihaela Koos, program coordinator

Women's Ministries Convention in the Oltenia Convention



The Women's Ministries Department organized a meeting in Alexandria Church No.1 on April 30, 2022, for 35 women who are Women's Ministries leaders in their local churches. The topics presented this afternoon were varied. Daniela Petreacă, WM director, informed about Women's Ministries, Trifan Madi, psychologist and speech therapist, presented the seminar "Communicate to save"), Andronic Anca, psychotherapist, presented the seminar "I am looking for a man,"

Sbîrnea Mihaela, wife of the Conference President, presented the devotional), Ciornei Lidia, dentist, and wife of the local pastor of Alexandria presented a "Health Pill."

A special theme song to the occasion had been texted by Adriana Untesu.

The members of the church joined the WM leaders later for poems, songs, instrumental music, experiences, ideas for ministry activities, and dialogue enriched this wonderful and blessed occasion.

At the end of the program, the joy of fellowship of all those present continued with the tasting of the culinary preparations.

As reported by Daniela Petreacă, Director of Women's Ministries, Oltenia Conference

Moldova Conference participates in Education Project



The Municipality of Matca, Galati erence participates in Education Project County, has an educational project "Learning as long as you live", initiated and supported by Mrs. Daniela Marin together with Mayor Gheorghişă Marin. The project is dedicated to women in the local community and is regularly attended by an impressive number of women eager to learn things of importance, but at the same time to participate in opportunities to socialize and enjoy fellowship. In the framework of this project, on 08.05.2022 the seminar "Love and Respect" was presented

by the psychologist Alina Lupu, during which the participating women had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about relationships between boys and girls, men and women, husband and wife.

At the end of the meeting, the project organizer gave each participant a special recipe for healthy food.

As reported by Alina Lupu, Director of Women's Ministries, Conference Moldova

Samovar Night for Ukrainian Women



OPEN HOUSE FOR REFUGEES

On May 10, 2022, ten Ukrainian women followed the invitation to the Hope Center at the Adventist Church in Tuebingen, Germany, for a Samovar night. We always try to provide a translator, but as some of the women arrived early, our communication was not really satisfactory. I tried to ask them how they were doing, and they tried to answer. Finally, they stood up and sang a hymn in Ukrainian (it may have been Russian for all I know), in which I recognized a couple of words. One word, radosti means something like "joy". That is what impresses me so much when I come together with these people who have fled the horrors of war. They are still joyful and thankful!

The program is very simple: A cup of tea from the samovar, something to nibble at, a devotional topic in Russian or Ukrainian from a DVD, a short group discussion and some creative crafts while they can talk and share. The short video on our Facebook page shows the pleasant atmosphere: <https://www.facebook.com/eudwomensministries/videos/952477908720110>

We want our Hope Center and church to be an open house for all who come.

As reported by H.Ottschofski

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