News from Women’s Ministries Inter-European Division

2015 GC Session Women's Meetings

Join us for Women's Meetings, July 6-9, 2015, at the 60th General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas, USA. Morning meetings are Monday – Thursday, 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM. Afternoon meetings are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Full schedule

Women's Ministries Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Around the world this year, women come together with joy and gratitude to celebrate the 20th anniversary of departmental status for Women's Ministries. The 20th anniversary banner image (right) became a custom edible photo when screened onto the icing of a picture cake in Botswana (below). Additional 20th anniversary graphics are available. Download graphics

June 13, Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

Spiritual Strength for Such a Time as This," by Dr. Ella S. Simmons
"God created you for a divine appointment—a unique role to fulfill in your life—just like Esther! There is something you can do for God that no one else can do—a God-given niche only you can fill.”—Dr. Simmons Download packet

Adventist Women's Bible

View this video to peek inside the first Adventist Women's Bible, co-produced by Safeliz Publishing (of Spain) and GC Women's Ministries. Click here and scroll down to Women's Bible.

For WM Material go to: http://www.adventistwomensministries.org
Women's Ministries 2014 Global Statistics

Women are very active in Church. They often work silently in the background, offer seminars, Bible classes, retreats and congresses, and they are very strong on building relationships, which is fundamental to church growth. They do, however, not like to mention what they do in numbers. Some do send their reports, and these are the world-wide numbers we received for 2014:

- 109,729 Persons were baptized who had their first contact through women.
- 55,230 former Church members were reclaimed, which means they found their way back into the church by first having been contacted by women.
- 97,417 Evangelistic meetings organized by women.
- 96,344 Training events organized by women.
- 259,870 Other meetings organized by women.
- 27,292 Retreats & Congresses organized by women, with an Adventist attendance of 1,380,312 persons and a Non-Adventist attendance of 106,855 persons.
- 271 Scholarships were awarded.

May 2015 Cernica Theologigal Seminary, Romania

It is always a great joy to be able to support young women in their studies. These two ladies just received a full scholarship each to finance their studies in Cernica, Romania. On the left is Bulgaru Claudia, and on the right Patrascanu Nicoleta who both study Romanian and English language and literature. In the middle you see Liliana Radu, Women’s Ministries leader in the Muntenia Conference. She writes: ‘Thank you so much for the money you have sent to Cernica for those two girls. I gave them the letters from you in a special occasion with all the students. The girls spoke also to the students and thanked publicly God and the Division Women’s Ministries Department and General Conference Women’s Ministries Department. I told them also about the possibility to write for Women’s Devotional selling the Devotional and helping the girls around the world. The chaplain thanked also, for the scholarships.’

April 9-12, 2015 - Bünsdorf, Germany. Leadership Training level 3.

What an attractive offer by Women’s Ministries. Highly motivated women met in North Germany for the Leadership Level 3 program. The topics which were presented by 4 speakers from the 4 German speaking Unions were so interesting, that the participants didn’t want to miss any of them. The topics were so exciting and they prepared us to get ready and engage in our home Churches to meet with other interested women there. All topics were highly encouraging. We lived in different houses, which were named according to the 12 tribes of Israel. This helped us to identify with their tasks. We were able to share our experiences and to try out new ideas. We had a wonderful weekend at the seaside and were glad to have some moments to breathe the fresh air. We realized that each one of us is unique in the eyes of the Lord, precious and we all have our specific gift and task assigned by God. We are looking forward to the next level and want to thank the speakers for their wonderful ministry. You can find more information here: sta-frauen.de. - Reported by: Beate Quaas, one of the participants.
April 24-26, 2015 Mondsee, Austria – Auftankwochenende

45 women, one man and one baby met for a weekend in Mondsee, Austria. Denise Hochstrasser (Women’s Ministries EUD) was in charge of the spiritual input. She helped to break with prejudice towards other persons, to leave behind disagreements and to look forward. We were encouraged to decide to act today and not to wait till the ‘beautiful silk dress’ does not fit anymore.

Two of the participants expressed their impressions as follows:

‘This meeting deserves the name „Auftankwochenende“ which means „spiritual refill“. It was a pleasure to be part of it. I enjoyed everything. Thank you for your engagement.’

‘Thank you very much for this weekend which I was able to experience together with you all. I learned many new things which are helpful to me.’ Next year again, we will have an „Auftankwochenende“, are you going to join us? – Reported by Gerd-Laila Walter, Women’s Ministries Director in Austrian Union.


‘Equipping Women For Service’ – this was the topic for which 150 Women of African and Caribbean origin met for the Women’s Congress of the Ghanaian Community in Italy. The Meeting place was in Candelina, in a wonderful valley near Bergamo in the North of Italy. The topic was: Equipping women for Service. The meeting was very colourful, lively and blessed. Ophelia Obeng Dedaa Nyarko participated in a leadership program in Poppy in 2013, was part of the women’s Congress in Germany last year, and was impressed by what she experienced. It was a long dream of hers to invite Denise Hochstrasser as main speaker for this congress. It was a pleasure to meet with these wonderful people. She puts special emphasis on young ladies’ ministry, and is well supported by Pastor Frank…. Abigaela Trofin was a special guest and held a workshop on Mentoring. It was a great experience to meet you all!

Leadership Skills Blossom at First WM Conference in Turkey - Middle East and Northern Africa Union (MENA)

‘First graduates of WM Leadership Certification holding their certificates for Level 1Women appointed to women’s ministries leadership roles in congregations of the Turkey-Iran Field met in Istanbul, Turkey, for the first field-wide conference, February 27-March 1. Establishing women’s ministries teams in each congregation began with Level 1 training for WM Leadership Certification. Participants received materials to take home, including the GCWM Bible study series, Women in the Bible and Me. Even the unexpected loss of electricity for several hours in this challenging territory provided additional time for relationships to flourish.’ Reported by Ute Alkan, Turkey-Iran Field WM director who is a great mentor for the women in her territory.

Ute received her training for her ministry in the Middle East field in the German speaking countries, where she participated in all the levels of the leadership Training. She is now able to bring her knowledge to her field and shares the joy of mentoring women in ministry. She also received the Certificate from Griggs University. Turkey used to be part of Inter-European Division, and we continue the close cooperation between her new field and ours.

May 7-10 – Leadership Certification Level 2 was offered in Poppy, Italy, Level 3 in Rickenbach, Switzerland.

All over our Division the leadership training is offered. Women who once participated, are always eager to come again and do the follow up with the next levels. After finishing level 1-3 they ask for more. As level 4 is only for women’s ministries leaders, the German speaking Unions have now decided to offer a LevelPLUS, where they offer additional topics, e.g. topics from the material ‘Outreach is for everyone’ and a seminar on public speaking.

In the countries where the leadership program is offered we experience a tremendous change in the way women start to to engage in all areas of Church life. They find out about their gifts and are motivated to use them for a ministry inside the Church.
Certificate from Griggs University or Andrews University

Participants of the leadership Certification programs are very happy about the fact that they can now choose to receive the University Certificates from Andrews University or Griggs University. These Certificates are worth 30 Credit points and are much appreciated as continuing education, part of the University studies or just as a special and precious paper for those who have never been able to attend University.

The new Logo for girls4christ is born.

Girls4Christ meetings are promoted by several Unions. Because the Unions used different logos we came to an agreement to create an official Logo for all the different countries. Girls4Christ is a program for young women where they can discuss specific girls’ topics. These programs are offered in cooperation with the youth Department.

Elections in the Unions

Several Unions had elections this spring. Most Women’s Ministries Directors have been re-elected, but there is a change in Bulgarian Union:

We welcome Yana Bumbalova in our midst and wish her God’s richest blessings in her new assignment. She was responsible for the South Bulgarian field.

She replaces Emilya Stoykova who decided, after 10 years of service, to leave the place to a younger person. Emilya will continue to serve in women’s related areas and help Yana wherever necessary. Thank you, Emilya, for the you wonderful ministry in the past. It was a great pleasure to work with you!

Emilya Stoykova Yana Bumbalova

Upcoming Events:

May 21-23 Women’s Conference, Enterprenas, Spain
June 5-7, 2015 enditnow program in North of Portugal
July 2-11 General Conference Session, San Antonio, Texas
and many more on Conference level.

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