News from Women’s Ministries Inter-European Division

Growing together in Spite of the Pains of Growth

This statement has been release on EUD homepage regarding the July 8, 2015, vote to not allow each Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to decide whether to ordain women to the gospel ministry in its territory.

Bern, Switzerland. August 7, 2015. [CD-EUDNews]. Following the vote that was taken at the 60th GC Session last Wednesday, July 8, 2015 which does not allow the World Divisions to decide whether or not to ordain women to the gospel ministry in their territories, the EUD leadership considers most suitable that the entire EUD family may encourage and express their deepest appreciation and respect for who our women – mothers, wives, sisters and daughters – are and for their ministry in whatever position they have been serving the Lord and the Church.

While we acknowledge that God has been calling women to the gospel ministry we still respect the decision of the GC Session not to allow World Divisions to ordain women to the gospel ministry.

This is not the moment for us to continue to hurt each other through unending and inconclusive discussions that may have the potential to separate us. Now is the time for us to endeavor to console the disappointed hearts, to heal the aching wounds and to support and encourage all women to use the talents entrusted to them by God for the benefit of the life and ministry of the Church.

Let us remember that since the inception of our church, the Holy Spirit has been honoring women of all ages and conditions by equipping and empowering them for the ministry through His most powerful gifts.

Let us remember that more important than ordination is the privilege of being coworkers with God and His angels in accomplishing the mission He has entrusted to all of us, irrespective of gender.

Let us remember that we belong to a World Church, whose 13 World Divisions have consciously decided, during its last GC Session held in San Antonio, to continue to grow together in spite of the pains of growth.

This is the most powerful message that we can send to our children and the World that we are decidedly committed to be true and authentic Disciples of Christ!
WM Scholarship to Theology Students in Spain

I want to thank you for the scholarship, I am very grateful! First to God and then to WM department which relieved my debts, and made me feel I am not alone.

Last June, I finished my Bachelor of Theology degree. Thanks to the WM scholarship I will continue in September to get the Master of Theology degree.

Currently, I am supporting the ministry to the deaf, I am not an official interpreter but I learned sign language in order to be able to communicate with them.

Also I am the WM director of Sagunto church where we have build a fantastic young women’s spiritual group. Thanks to WM for helping women who got the call, who want to serve God! - Isabel Rodriguez.

Women’s Ministries in Spain: Reaching out to Young Women

Tree of life: We meet once a month in my house to talk, first briefly about ourselves and then about issues like: self-confidence, adolescence, youth, the different periods that we go through in life. Due to the average age of the group (an enthusiastic young group) we adapt the topics. We talk about spiritual gifts, how we use them, and how to face the different situations in each life stage.

The ‘Tree of life’ program has been very useful for bonding among a group of women who at the beginning were acquainted with each other like church members but now know each other as women and sisters. - By Isabel Rodriguez, Sagunto WM Director

For the material ‘Tree of life’ see page 4.

Women’s Ministries Meeting for the East Area in Spain

Forty young adult women met at the Adventist College of Sagunto to participate in this event. We talked about the love languages, and how to show our love. This was also an occasion where women got to know each other better.

Women in the Bible and me…

The women in Sagunto, Spain, met once a week to study the “Women in the Bible…and me” Bible studies.

They experienced a powerful connection with God during this time. At the end they prepared a program to share what they had learned with the church. Each woman chose a character to represent and explain the history, the situation and the testimony of how God had been actively involved in their personal life.
Exhibit backdrop doubles as a photo wall for GC Women's Ministries

The display backdrop in the General Conference Women's Ministries (GCWM) exhibit in San Antonio, emphasizing Nurture, Empower, and Outreach along with the WM theme – A Ministry for Every Woman, Touch a Heart, Tell the World – easily transitioned to a colorful and convenient photo booth.

Women's Ministries leaders in particular found the familiar images attractive and wanted to take pictures at the exhibit wall. Pictured here (left to right): Raquel Arrais, GCWM associate director, Heather-Dawn Small, GCWM director, Sim Sew Moi, Southeast Asia Union Mission WM director.

New resources available at the booth included the seminar curriculum for women's mental health, Thinking Well, Living Well, the WM 20th anniversary brochure, “The Early Days,” and “Love Shouldn't Hurt,” a pastor’s resource for abuse, the third in a series of enditnow brochures.

2016 Women's Devotional Book


Sales of this book help provide scholarships for women around the world.

Pastor’s Resource for domestic violence enditnow™

"Love Shouldn't Hurt," a resource for pastors about abuse, was redesigned for the series of enditnow brochures published by GC Women's Ministries. The brochure was distributed at the Women's Ministries exhibit at General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas. Carla Baker, NADWM director, also distributed the brochure at the Called convention for pastors in Austin, Texas.


Don’t forget to make plans for actions on November 25, the International Day against Gender Violence and the two weeks following until December 10, the Human Rights Day. This is a good time to make our voices heard to end abuse and violence.

Coming Sabbath is the SDA enditnow day (4th Sabbath in August). You may chose this date to make this subject a topic in your Church. Please find material here: http://adventistwomensministries.org/index.php?id=125
Women Who Pray

In her book ‘What Happens When Women Pray’ Evelyn Carol Christenson writes, “When people start praying together in one accord to our Father in heaven in the name of Jesus and practice praying together, things begin to change... changes take place not when we study about prayer, not when we talk about it, not even when we memorize beautiful Scripture verses on prayer. It is when we actually pray that things begin to happen.”

The power of prayer is multiplied when you offer prayer requests in group prayer. That’s why many people want to know, “How do I start a prayer group?” Starting an intercessory prayer group is actually much easier than you might think.

"Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of His children. ‘The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy,’ James 5:11," (Ellen G. White, Steps to Christ, p. 101).

This Intercessory Prayer Ministry card is one of ten ministry cards created by GC Women's Ministries to help you See more here: http://adventistwomensministries.org/index.php?id=677#sthash.RMXKrqOn.dpuf

Tree of Life

This Material is available in German (Original), English, French, Dutch and Spanish. It is approved by GC. The electronic version can be ordered at EUD.

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