INGRID NAUMANN

1986-1993 WM leader in Bavaria
1993-2012 Director of WM in the South German Union.
Pioneer of WM in many European countries.
Mentor. Motivator. Initiator for the WM Devotional Books in German
1990 Women’s leader in the NRW-conference.
1994-2004 first leader of WM and Family Ministries in the North German Union.
Speaker of many women’s events, Mentors and initiator of fila women`s groups in Northern Germany
RENATE NOACK

1982 Initiator of the first women’s meetings and small group activities for women in Germany.
Author of about 20 books and many magazine articles. She works for the Bible correspondence school IBSI in Germany.
Pastor and speaker. 1988-1998 women’s leader in the East German Union. For more than 20 years she has been in charge of the hostel for homeless women in Leipzig.
She was a pastoral spouse, counselor and speaker. She started women’s ministries in the East German Union (GDR) in 1988.

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Born in 1928. After completing her studies at the Adventist College “Villa Aurora” (Florence) she was employed as a Bible instructor in various parts of Italy. She was active in evangelism and pastoral ministry until her retirement in 1993. Even now she is a standing pillar and irreplaceable for the church in Bari by her untiring service.
Gabrielle Weidner was born in 1914 in Brussels and died in February 1945 in the concentration camp Königsberg. She is one of the heroines of the Second World War. The young Adventist woman was active in the Résistance as a member of the Holland-Paris network organized by her brother Jean. Gabrielle had studied at the Seminary in Collonges-sous-Salève and Newbold College in England. She was employed by the publishing house “Signes des Temps” and later worked for the Franco-Belgian Union as a secretary. On a Sabbath in February 1944 she was arrested by the Gestapo. We know nothing about the interrogations in the prison Fresnes but she was classified as a political prisoner.

In Mid August 1944, when Paris was liberated, her release was expected but the Nazis put Gabrielle on a last transport to Ravensbrück. She was taken from Ravensbrück to Torgau, then to Buchenwald and finally to Königsberg. Undernourished, she suffered from the hard forced labor and fell ill. She did not survive to see the liberation of the camp on February 5, 1945.

The network saved 1000 Persons, of whom 800 were Jews, and 100 allied pilots.
Born in 1933, she has served the church in many ways as a pastor’s wife, a nurse’s aid and assistant pastor in various Italian churches. She was dean of girls at the Adventist College in Florence and now continues to work as a translator as well as ADRA leader in Florence.
In the 1980s, Ellen Bresee (1928-1997) and Marie Spangler had a vision for women who were married to pastors. Together they became the co-founders of Shepherdess International at the GC and Ellen served as the first Shepherdess International Coordinator.
She was Director of Shepherdess International from 1992-2010. She made a significant contribution to Shepherdess International at the GC for 18 years. Sharon lived her ministry around what she could do to make ministry spouses feel loved, appreciated and special.
Janet has been the Ministerial Associate Secretary for Prayer, Pastoral Spouses and Families at the GC since 2010. She is passionate about knowing Jesus, prayer and reaching people for Him. Janet has seen God work to change lives in miraculous ways.
Magdalena lived between 1933 -1996. She always desired to serve the Lord and help God’s Ministry to develop. She married pastor Nelu Dumitrescu, who was called to be the Romanian Union President between 1990 - 1995. They were blessed with 4 children.

During the communist regime she translated many books for children and did everything possible to get the Sabbath School Lessons for children. Although this was considered illegal she found ways to print and distribute them in SDA Churches. Magdalena also procured felt from a factory and found artists who painted biblical figures on the felt to illustrate the Bible lessons. Hundreds of mothers patiently cut out these figures, working late into the night, behind well camouflaged windows, with their hearts beating fast at every suspicious noise. Magdalena would also pray for those who transported all these precious materials to the churches all around Romania.

In 1993 she started a magazine for pastor’s spouses and established the Shepherdess Ministry in Romania. Her whole life was centered on sustaining and extending God’s Ministry. She had a strong faith in God and had always words of encouragement for people around her.
She was one of the first three women baptized into the Adventist Church in Spain. At 16 she was the best literature evangelist in Spain. She studied in Switzerland to become a Bible worker and became the first secretary of the Spanish Adventist Mission.

In 1913, she travelled to the General Conference Session, where she met Ellen G. White. A year later she died at the age of 25.
Ma Ángeles Gutiérrez Palenque was born in Madrid in 1943, in an Adventist family. She began her service in 1960 as a secretary in the Spanish publishing house. Later she worked as secretary for the leadership of the Spanish Union. She was called to be the first director of Women’s Ministries when the department was established in Spain in 1996.

From 2007 to her retirement in 2012 she worked full time for Women’s Ministries with all enthusiasm and planted the foundation of this ministry in Spain. She organized training courses for leaders, saw the birth of the ISHA-AD magazine, a useful tool in evangelism, the creation of the Platform Against Violence to Women, and collaboration with other official organizations. Meetings with the women and their leaders in different parts of Spain at retreats and advisories provided many experiences she is thankful for during a whole life given to the service of God.
Hanni married a pastor and as a mother of three boys the children’s Sabbath school became one of her points of interest although she had vowed never to work with children. Beginning in 1994 she wrote several musicals for children about Biblical characters in co-operation with various composers.

She was responsible for the children’s Sabbath school department as well as the Shepherdess organization of the Swiss-German conference. Hanni also qualified as a health counselor. When she turned 50 she began to study archeology and education at the University of Berne, graduating with an M.A. At the moment she is also working at the old people’s home in Switzerland.
Petra has been active in organizing children’s Bible camps, marriage enrichment seminars, women’s groups, stop-smoking seminars and grief recovery seminars. All of these encounters have left their marks on her life and many friendships have developed. God has blessed her efforts and now she can thankfully look back to the gift of all these experiences.
Waltraud's strong faith helped her through this difficult time. She presented cooking classes and was in charge of the food at various camps and decorated churches for weddings. Her home was open to many guests and she always had an ear for callers by telephone. In 1993 she became girl's dean at Bogenhofen and later took over the home economics department. Since her retirement in 2007 she has been as active as before, being a mother, grandmother, friend and prayer partner and Bible study guide for many individuals.
2010-2012 Director of WM in the North German Union.
She studied behavioral sciences and is active in the advisory “Sexual Violence”. 
Ethel Müller

1993-2002 women’s leader for the Mid-Rhine-Conference as one of the pioneers of WM.
Hannele Ottschofski

Translator and editor of the German women’s devotional books.

She supports WM as a speaker, musician and speaker of a daily devotional program on Hope Channel
Pastor and chaplain in Bavaria. Speaker at WM retreats and meetings.