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News You Can Use

Big Hairy Audacious Goals (BHAG) – 2011 marks the beginning of a new quinquennium, or five-year period, to culminate at the 2015 General Conference Session which is slated to be held in San Antonio, Texas. The ministry departments of North American Division have been meeting, planning and deciding upon their “BHAGs” for the next quinquennium.

The Women’s Ministries Department’s BHAG will be for 85% of all Adventist churches in North America to have an active Women’s Ministries Department. Most of the outcome of that goal will be up to local churches. If your church does not yet have a Women’s Ministries department, speak to other women and the pastor about organizing one.

The number of evangelistic series conducted by women is growing every year – In 2010 there were 144 evangelistic series held by women in North America, and another 143 series held by NAD women outside of North America. Women gave over 6,000 Bible studies last year and were responsible for baptizing more than 1,000 people in North America and more than 700 outside NAD. To read more about what women are doing in North America, read the 2010 statistical report posted at http://www.nadwm.org/site/1/docs/2010_NAD_Statistical_Report%281%29.pdf.

Resources

CREATION Health Devotionals – Stories change lives. Stories can inspire health and healing. In this devotional book you will discover stories about experiencing
God's grace in the tough times, God's delight in triumphant times, and God's presence in peaceful times. Written from 33 unique perspectives, this small (4 ½” X 7”) gift-quality book with colorful, padded front cover, will be a wonderful addition to your whole person health experience. It is also available in Spanish. Find it online at www.floridahospitalpublishing.com/publications/books/detail/creation-health-devotional.

CREATION Health is based on eight timeless principles of wellness: Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal relationships, Outlook and Nutrition. For more information visit: www.CREATIONhealth.com and http://floridahospitalpublishing.com/publications/books.

Hot Tip! — Find inexpensive giveaways for your Women's Ministries retreats and events at Christian Tools of Affirmation, www.CTAinc.com or 800-999-1874. A few are available in Spanish.

Ministries Inspirations

The “Mornin’ Manna” Prayer Line, established by the South Central Conference Women’s Ministries Department, is a telephone prayer ministry line where women (and men) can call in and receive spiritual food for the soul. Each morning a devotional thought is presented by selected individuals including pastors, elders, women’s ministries leaders and laypersons – both male and female.

Some of the praise reports they share are: thirteen evangelistic series with women as evangelists; more than 300 Bible studies reported; God’s blessing and healing of a two-year old girl who fell from a fifth-story window; miraculous healings from terminal illnesses; God’s deliverance of a 7-year-old boy from demon possession.

Recently, callers from distant locations such as Texas, Michigan and even New York were welcomed to the morning prayer line. If you would like to increase your prayer life, participate with them Sunday through Friday, from 5:30 – 6:30 a.m. Central Time. Call 712-432-0075 and when prompted, enter the access code: 748339#. If you need to mute out noise from your surroundings, press *6. Prayer requests can be emailed to sccmorningmanna@yahoo.com.

Refugees need help in ways that women are good at — An estimated three million registered refugees have come to North America in the last three and a half decades, many of whom have gone through horrendous experiences of wars or religious persecution in countries where it is difficult to send missionaries due to government restrictions. Many refugees need help in finding a home, appropriate clothing, learning American ways, finding qualified counseling or medical services, getting cleaning supplies and groceries (reading labels, understanding the monetary system), sorting their mail, finding jobs, job training, computer training, learning English, tutoring and homework help for the children, transportation, learning to drive, learning to use appliances and much more. Take them a welcome basket and offer your assistance. For welcome basket ideas and other helpful suggestions go to http://tinyurl.com/4l7amvd.

Watch the door of your church carefully. Some refugees are very shy or may not be able to read the bulletin or understand the invitation to “potlucks” and often slip out the back door unnoticed.

Check if your city has any refugee assistance organizations. Government grants are available for Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Services. This year’s application deadline: April 1.

Don’t miss the divine appointments to welcome these guests, “for thereby
some have entertained angels unawares.” (Heb. 13:2). For ideas on how you can reach out to these “strangers in our midst” go to www.refugeeministries.org and click on “Get Involved!” To learn how to help refugees in your area, you can contact the newest ministry in the North American Division: Refugee Ministries, a part of Ethnic Ministries, Terri Saelee, director. Go to http://www.refugeeministries.org/ and click on “Get Involved” for ideas of how to help refugees and asylees. Research has shown that the most fruitful field for evangelism is displaced people groups such as refugees and asylees. A couple of refugee pastors of other denominations were baptized recently and their plans are to bring their entire small congregations into the Adventist Church. One of them, even before being baptized, converted 120 families in his home country.


**Upcoming Events**


**July 9, 2011 – Women’s Ministries Offering Day.** To learn more about the Women’s Ministries Offering, go to http://www.nadwm.org/article.php?id=242 and read about it under the section about Year-end Meeting votes that affect women. [Think how to include: Envelope or donations must say “NAD Women’s Ministries Offering” any time of year. Not just “Women’s Ministries” ]

**There are already over 50 women’s events listed on the 2011 calendar.** Be sure to visit www.nadwm.org/calendar to find more information about retreats and seminars in your area, and for up-to-date resources for the Women’s Ministries special days and events listed above.

Women’s Intuitions eXpress (WIeXpress) is a monthly e-newsletter from the North American Division Women’s Ministries Department. If you would like to subscribe, go to http://nadwm.org/newsletter_editsub.php and choose Women’s Intuitions eXpress. Be sure to respond to the confirmation email in order to confirm your subscription. It might be necessary to copy and paste the given URL into your browser. The regular, quarterly Women’s Intuitions newsletter will continue to be sent as usual.

To contribute: Send stories of ministries by women to: lynetta.murdoch@nad.adventist.org
Women’s Intuitions eXpress: www.nadwm.org/WIeXpress

This message was sent to ahc@andrews.edu from NAD Women’s Ministries Dept., 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.
## North American Division Women’s Ministries

### Statistical Report

**Year:** 2010  
**Director:** Carla Baker

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**Best of the Best:**  
List your most effective ministry or outreach programs/ activities  
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- 2 humanitarian efforts for Haiti; making sandwiches and dinners for homeless each month; annual brunch at women’s shelter; Heart Call; Christmas gifts for women’s shelter children; God-in-Shoes outreach to low-income elderly and homeless shelters; leadership weekends; food pantry feeding 350+

- Quilt Ministry – Homemade quilts for new babies in church and community, adult quilts for women’s shelters and disadvantaged families; 142 Bible studies conducted by women

- Ongoing ministry to women’s shelter; Monthly online prayer call; New Single mothers ministry and support group; ShareHim meetings by women

- Bags of Love

- Monthly outreach to a home for mentally disabled persons; outreach to mothers in the community.

- Evangelistic meetings by NPUC women in Peru with 400+ baptisms

- Tutoring programs

- Emphasis on helping in the area of Abuse and Family Violence; God in Shoes teaching and experience in getting the church out into the community; Operation SWEEP – Strong emphasis on evangelism by women

- Suicide prevention programs established; Over 600 women certified in leadership
Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

Theme: “Love Changes Everything”

What is Women's Ministries Emphasis Day?

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day is an annual event on the church's Calendar of Days and Events. The Women's Ministries leader should meet with their pastor at least six months prior to this day to discuss special plans for this Sabbath. This is an 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.

*If the second Sabbath in June is not a convenient date for your church to observe Women's Emphasis Day, please work with your pastor to find another date.

Resource Materials:

"Love Changes Everything"

• English
  "Love Changes Everything" - MS Word
  "Love Changes Everything" - Adobe Acrobat PDF
  "Love Changes Everything" - Power Point
  [Post Card (PDF)]
  ["Experiencing God's Love" (Extra Material) Power Point]
  (Note: Experiencing God's Love is a very large (31,847 KB) file with 45 slides)

• Español
  "El Amor Todo Lo Transforma" (MS Word Doc)
  "El Amor Todo Lo Transforma" (PowerPoint)
  [Tarjeta postal (PDF)]
  [Experimentando el Amor de Dios (PowerPoint)]
  (Note: Experimentando el Amor de Dios es un archivo muy grande (31,676 KB) con 45 diapositivas)

• Français
  (MS Word)
  (PowerPoint)

• Vietnamese
  MS Word