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News You Can Use

Operation S.W.E.E.P. is the name of the South Central Conference Women’s Ministries (WM) Department’s conference-wide evangelistic thrust in 2010 that saw 80 people baptized as a result of eight evangelistic series in the conference by women. Conference WM director Shirley Scott is mobilizing the churches for another seven evangelist series this year.

S.W.E.E.P. stands for “Spirit-filled Women Exalting Eternal Principles,” and their goal is to “SWEEP the conference with the Word of God.” We wish Shirley and the women of South Central God’s richest blessings as they labor for souls this year.

Ten women from the community attended a one-day women’s retreat in Alamosa, Colorado, on Sabbath, April 30, sponsored by Ginger Bell, Rocky Mountain Conference Women’s Ministries director. The retreat was followed by a leadership training event on Sunday. Though it is a small church, 55 women attended the retreat, including ten from the community. DeeAnn Bragaw was the featured speaker at the retreat. At the leadership training the next day, three women from the community attended and received training and Adventist resources to use in their churches.

Winema Van Iwaarden, the Alamosa church women’s ministries leader, and Ingrid Moon, the pastor’s wife, did a wonderful job of reaching out into the community with advertising for the events. God blesses when we step out in faith!
A summit on abuse, called enditnow: Break the Silence About Abuse, is being planned for October 15-17, 2011, on the campus of Loma Linda University. It is sponsored by the North American Division Women’s Ministries, Children’s Ministries, Family Ministries, Health Ministries, Education, Ministerial, and Youth Ministries Departments plus the Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital. For full information, visit our web site, www.nadwm.org, and follow the link on the home page. The summit on abuse follows the General Conference-sponsored Conference on Emotional Health and Wellness at the university that begins on October 12.

Upcoming Events

June 11 - Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day. This year’s theme is “Love Changes Everything.” The resource materials are on our web site, www.nadwm.org. Click on the Events or Resources tab. The sermon, children’s story, PointPoint slides for the sermon, and a seminar are available in English, Spanish, and French. If June 11 is not a good date for your church to observe this special day, feel free to work with your pastor to schedule it whenever it fits best into your church’s program.

July 9 - Annual North American Division Women’s Ministries Offering. Reminder postcards are being mailed in the next few days to all churches in North America. They are addressed to “Women’s Ministries Leader” at the church address. Be sure to check with the person who opens the mail in your church to get the postcard. Bulletin inserts are posted on our web site and can be downloaded and printed two-sided for your church bulletins.

Remember, 40% of the offering stays in the local conference for evangelism by women and leadership training for women. Local churches that participate in the offering may be eligible for a portion of the offering to help with their events that qualify. Check with your conference director.

August 27 - Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day (APED). This year’s resources are excellent and were written by Mable Dunbar of the Upper Columbia Conference. The theme is “Loved and Empowered” and goes along with the enditnow campaign. The sermon, children’s story, and PowerPoint slides are available in English and Spanish on our web site. We will have French resources later in the summer.

Again, if this date is not convenient for your church, please work with your pastor to find a day to observe APED. It’s very important, in light of the fact that abuse does occur all too often in our Church, that every congregation observes APED annually. Education is POWER!

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