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News You Can Use

NAD Women’s Ministries is now on Facebook and Twitter! We’ll be posting news, events, links, photographs, and interesting facts and tidbits about women in history and the issues we face today.

Oregon women reach out to a community - Over the weekend of April 29 - May 1, 75 people gathered from sister churches in Sweet Home, Oregon, and tackled a list of jobs to do in the community. The purpose of the Community Impact weekend was to reach out as Jesus did and touch the lives of the people. Every job performed was simply a gift – with no strings attached.

The idea was for women (and men) from around the conference to participate in the weekend events in whatever activities they wished. The weekend was called a mini mission because even though members don’t have to take an airplane to get there, it’s considered a real mission field, due to the number of people with incomes below the poverty level.

On Friday members started out with service projects and tackled everything from cleaning, maintenance, painting local community centers and yard work, to litter patrol for the city, and much more.

In addition, the Sweet Home church hosted a Health and Safety Fair where the community came for free blood pressure and pulse checks, eye exams, hearing tests, hearing aid cleaning, mini massages, free fingerprinting and photos of children, plus free car seat checks by the Police Department. The Fire Department was also there with a big shiny red fire truck for the children to visit.
On Friday evening, conference women sponsored a free vegetarian tasting affair at the senior center, where the public could sample vegetarian food and get the recipes of foods they liked.

Conference volunteers set up a military honor board where people placed the names of loved ones who are currently in the military or who had served at some point. On Saturday there was a roll call of names with a patriotic song afterward.

Kudos to Cheri Corder, conference women’s ministries director, and Tawny Sportsman for leading out in the mini mission weekend.

**Bermuda Conference ordains first woman elder** – The Bermuda Conference made history recently when the executive committee overcame longstanding barriers and voted to allow a woman to be ordained as a local elder. Julie Richardson, a member of the newly-organized Restoration Ministries Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Hampton, was ordained on February 26. Her pastor, Ulric Hetsberger, felt that Richardson would be a great addition to the church’s leadership team and petitioned the conference to approve it. Richardson, a church member for many years, is noted for her spiritual gifts of discernment, teaching, and wisdom, along with her keen intuition and sensitivity to others’ needs. Along with Pastor Hetsberger, conference president Jeffrey Brown and other pastors from the conference participated in the ordination.

*The next Adventist Ministries Convention (AMC)* is coming up January 15-18, 2012, at Innisbrook Resort near Tampa, Florida. The AMC is geared for union and conference ministries directors and is designed to inspire and equip them for ministry. The Women’s Ministries Advisory (for all union and conference WM directors) is scheduled for Monday, January 16, and there will be a track of four Women’s Ministries seminars. For more information and to register, visit [www.AdventistMinistriesConvention.com](http://www.AdventistMinistriesConvention.com).

**Resources**

**Interested in conducting a prayer seminar in your church or home?** The Radical Prayer DVD series by Pastor Derek Morris is perfect for small group studies and is now available in Spanish as well as English. It is available FREE to women’s ministries leaders IF you promise to use it for a small group. It is not available for personal use. If you are committed to using it in a small group setting, contact the NAD Women’s Ministries office at 301-680-6427 or WMassistant@nad.adventist.org to place your order. Study guides to accompany the DVD are available for downloading from [www.TheRadicalPrayer.com](http://www.TheRadicalPrayer.com).

¿Le interesa dirigir un seminario de oración en su hogar o iglesia? La serie en DVD por el Pastor Derek Morris—La oración radical—es ideal para el estudio en grupos pequeños, y ahora está disponible en español e inglés. Esta serie se hace disponible GRATUITAMENTE a las líderes del ministerio de la mujer SÓLO SI usted promete usar la serie en un grupo pequeño. La serie no está disponible para uso individual. Si usted se compromete a usar esta serie en el entorno de un grupo pequeño, comuníquese con la oficina del Ministerio de la Mujer de la División Norteamericana para hacer su pedido al 301-680-6427 o a WMassistant@nad.adventist.org. Las guías de estudio que acompañan el DVD se pueden descargar en [www.TheRadicalPrayer.com](http://www.TheRadicalPrayer.com).

**Ministries Inspiration**

**Homeless: The Motel Kids of Orange County** is a documentary telling of children who represent 70% of the 35,000 homeless in this affluent area of California. With less than 3,500 shelter beds and few units of affordable housing, families find discounted motels paid week to week. Read the children’s poignant stories [here](#).
What is surprising is the majority of these families work minimum wage jobs in superstores, amusement parks, sporting events, gas stations, fast food, offices, strip malls and factories. They might have been your motel housekeeper. They look like us and provide services we all use. Yet they don’t have the income to qualify for an apartment, and spend all they earn to pay for one-room “homes” with no kitchen and no address, meaning their children can’t even get a library card.

We share this with you because it’s a growing demographic in the North American Division, the challenges increasing due to the economy all our members are facing. If this is true in California, it is almost certainly true around the Division. The question we all need to consider is, are there ways Women’s Ministries can do more to affect the lives of the disenfranchised among us?

Source: Debra Brill, NAD Vice President for Ministries

Upcoming Events:

July 9
Women's Ministries Offering Day
It's not too late to participate.
Simply mark your tithe envelope
“NAD Women's Ministries Offering”

August 27
Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day

September 7-10
Festival of the Laity
Dallas
Don't miss the Women's Ministries seminar track.

October 12-15
Conference on Emotional Health and Wellness
Sponsored by GC Health Ministries and Loma Linda University.
To be held on campus of Loma Linda University

October 15-17
Summit on Abuse
Co-sponsored by NAD Women's Ministries and Loma Linda University Children's Hospital
To be held on campus of Loma Linda University

January 15-18, 2012
Adventist Ministries Convention
Innisbrook Resort, near Tampa, Florida

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