North American Women’s Ministries

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The Summit on Abuse in Loma Linda, October 15-17, has been one of our major initiatives this year. Supported by six North American Division departments, Women’s Ministries partnered with the Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital Division of Forensic Pediatrics to educate and sensitize the church to the many facets and ramifications of abuse. The Summit on Abuse was part of Phase 2 of the enditnow campaign in NAD, which has changed the original focus of enditnow from violence against women to violence against everyone, including children and men. Our new logo in NAD illustrates the new focus.

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Break the Silence About Abuse

The response to the Summit has been overwhelmingly positive. At least one union and one of our universities are planning similar events next year. Here are a few of the comments we got at the end of the event:

"Thank you so much for addressing this issue. This information needs to be presented to each person in a leadership role within our conferences across the country. All pastors (even abusers) need to be enlightened that abuse is a crime and should be addressed not ignored just because they don't understand how to deal with abuse."
“I will walk away empowered to go back to my conference/church and do something. Praise God for a start to an issue that has long been placed under the carpet by the church. I will be praying.”

“Thank you for giving us the tools and for putting the power of the NAD behind this important issue!! This summit was replete with knowledge and ways to further our education.”

“Thank you for an excellent, well-planned, broad-based conference full of ideas, helpful resources and useful responses to this serious issue that gives Satan access to God’s precious children of all ages!.”

The Adventist Ministries Convention 2012 will be held January 15-18 at Innisbrook, Florida. This is a chance for more than 500 Seventh-day Adventist ministry leaders to attend seminars, visit the exhibitors, network with denominational administrators and other ministry leaders, and enjoy the opportunity to meet for professional growth, inspiration, and fellowship.

NAD Women’s Ministries will be hosting a Women’s Ministries Advisory and four seminars for union and conference Women’s Ministries directors. The speakers will be:

Advisory
Raquel Arrias, GC Associate WM Director
DeeAnn Bragaw, a public speaker and educator from Colorado.

Seminars
Shirley Benton, WM Director, Columbia Union, Catch ‘em, Clean ‘em, Keep ‘em
Angel Bock, WM Director, College View Church, MOM’S CAFÉ…Moms Offering Moms Support
Shirley Scott, WM Director, South Central Conference, Evangelism Made Easy
Sheryal Vandenberghe, WM Director, Florida Conference, Building a Better Women’s Ministries

For more information visit the AMC website at www.adventistministriesconvention.com

“God in Shoes” Women’s Ministries outreach brought women from across the Kansas-Nebraska Conference to Scottsbluff, Nebraska, over 10 days in September. Ministries provided to the community included food drives, family fun day, supper and seminars, spa day, organizing “Welcome Baby” baskets and food boxes for distribution in the community, and painting at the local women’s shelter.

Weekday evenings the community was invited for supper and two seminars: “Healthy Living; Helping Kids Succeed in School; Healthy, Affordable Meals; and Interviewing for a Job”, and “Power for Living”, designed to give hope in an unstable world. Resources and contact information from the local Seventh-day Adventist churches were distributed.

A steady stream of women went to the community center on Friday, September 23, for the Ladies-Only Free Spa Day. The women were given facials, foot massages, manicures, chair and table massages, plus finger food buffet, a new pair of shoes, and a free spa bag filled with spa items and the book Surprised by Love by Elizabeth
Talbot. One woman expressed appreciation for the shoes, confiding that she had no money and didn’t know if her shoes would last the winter.

Next September the conference’s God in Shoes will be in Wichita, Kansas. To learn more call Sue Carlson at 785-478-4726 or email: scarlson@ks-ne.org.

At the NAD’s annual Year-End Meeting, held October 28–November 1, the 300+ members of the NAD Executive Committee voted to reaffirm E60, the division’s policy allowing "ordained/commissioned" ministers to serve as presidents of conferences and missions. NAD President Dan Jackson stressed the importance of maintaining church unity, stating, “People around the world are interested in what happens here. But at moments of change there is some pain. No reformation occurs without pain.”

Discussion lasted for more than two hours, and just before noon a motion to reaffirm the 2010 action was put to a secret ballot and was passed by a margin of 162-61. The action increases the opportunities for non-ordained leaders, including women, to be appointed to the top position in any of the 58 conferences that make up the 1.1 million member church region.

The delegates also discussed and voted on the request from the GC at the October Annual Council that each division establish a Biblical Research Committee to study the theology of ordination, to be reported at the 2014 Annual Council meeting and then at the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio.

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