Women's INTUITIONS express

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News You Can Use

The NAD Women’s Ministries Department (WM) is in the process of rebranding. What that means is that the website is being redesigned, the logo changed slightly, and most of our resources receiving a facelift. Look for the changes in the next few weeks and months. The new website should go online by late March, and the resources will follow. Below is a comparison of the old logo and the new one. As you can see, the new one is still very recognizable. It will be available to everyone this spring.
At the NAD Health Ministries (HM) summit in Orlando in January I had the unexpected privilege of meeting the Surgeon General of the United States, Regina Benjamin, MD. We briefly discussed the vital role of women in the health of the entire family.

At the HM summit, several speakers, including Dr. Benjamin, discussed the pandemic of obesity in North America and the alarming rise of Type 2 diabetes that results, at least in part, from overweight and lack of exercise.

Since these issues affect women in disturbingly high numbers, NAD WM is calling on conference and local church women’s ministries leaders to participate in the Adventists InStep for Life initiative, which is sponsored by NAD HM in collaboration with several other NAD ministries. I encourage you to begin now to take steps toward better health by walking several times a week and recording your steps on the Adventists InStep for Life website (www.AdventistsInStepforLife.org). The division-wide goal is to log two million miles this year. You can help NAD and yourself by walking and recording your activity miles on the website, or becoming a coordinator for your church. To learn more about the initiative, watch the saved webinars at the site above.

September 23 is the second annual division-wide Let’s Move Day. I hope you will start planning now to organize walking or running events in your church, school, or WM group in collaboration with your church's HM department and participate with NAD WM and HM in First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move Day. Videos on the InStep for Life website from the 2011 event may give you ideas for your Let’s Move Day activities this year. Send your event date/info, and we will promote them for you on the InStep for Life website. E-mail Katia.Reinert@nad.adventist.org. There are also mobile apps (iphone and android) available for reporting your miles. Let us take the lead in saying YES to healthy women and families.

Carla Baker
Carla Baker and the Surgeon General of the United State, Regina Benjamin, MD, briefly discussed the vital role of women in the health of families.

Letter from the NAD President: You may have heard that at the 2011 Year-end Meeting last November, the NAD Executive Committee, comprised of over 300 union officers, conference presidents, lay persons, NAD officers and departmental directors, and others, voted for the third time (2009, 2010, and 2011) to amend NAD Policy #E-60, which states that “a conference president should be an ordained minister.” The voted change was the insertion of the word “commissioned” after ordained, making the policy read: “a conference president should be an ordained/commissioned minister.” This would allow unordained administrators such as treasurers, institutional administrators, and women to be conference presidents.

Since then, the NAD officers have discovered that divisions don’t have an actual constituency and are, instead, part of the General Conference and legally cannot change policies related to the GC constitution. Therefore, the NAD officers and NAD Executive Committee have had to make some changes to the action voted last fall. You may read NAD President Dan Jackson’s explanation by following this link.

We appreciate the fact that our NAD officers are totally committed to affirming women in leadership and that we in Women’s Ministries do not have to spend our time fighting such battles. The Lord has raised up men in high places to affirm the leadership of women in the Church. Please keep Elder Jackson and the other NAD officers in your prayers.

It’s not too late to participate in the 2012 Women’s Day of Prayer. Although it is scheduled for March 3, you may prefer to schedule it for a more convenient time in your church. Resources in English and Spanish are available on the NAD Women’s Ministries web site here. Included in the kits are a sermon, children’s story, PowerPoint slides to accompany the sermon, and afternoon activities. Why not harness the power of prayer with the women of your church?

No, it isn’t a typo. A BHAG (pronounced bee hag) is a Big Hairy Audacious Goal. Each department in the North American Division has adopted a BHAG for this quinquennium. Our WM goal is for 85% of the churches in NAD to have an active WM department by 2015. Imagine what a difference it would make in the Church if every woman were involved in at least one area of outreach! I hope you will encourage all your churches to appoint a WM leader and to become actively involved in women’s ministries.

Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day is scheduled for Sabbath, June 9. The resources in English will be up on our website by the end of this week. Keep an eye out for the Spanish and French translations as we receive them.

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