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News You Can Use

Updated Logo – A CD containing the newly revised logo in English, French, and Spanish is now available from AdventSource. Also on the CD are the updated tagline, “A Ministry for Every Woman” (you’ll like the new font), and instructions for use of the logo. You may order the CD from AdventSource for $9.95. We urge all churches, conferences, and unions to begin using the updated logo.

NAD WM Offering, July 14 – Postcard reminders will be mailed this week to your church or conference office. Please remember that conference Women’s Ministries departments retain 40% of the offering to use for your leadership training events and evangelistic outreach. We trust this is incentive enough for you to promote it to the churches in your conference.

Ministry Ideas
**Praying and Crocheting** – The women of the North Valley Spanish church in Albuquerque, NM, have a special prayer ministry called Tejedoras de Esperanza (Knitters of Hope). They get together to pray as they knit or crochet scarves, shawls, blankets, gloves or other garments for people in need.

The group leader, Eileen Rivera, says, “As I’m crocheting each stitch on a baby blanket or scarf, I’m praying for a specific person [the recipient].” Most recently, Rivera prayed and crocheted a shawl for a woman in the community who had just been diagnosed with cancer.

The beautiful part of the ministry is that when a woman puts on her shawl or other garment, it is a constant reminder that she is loved and is being wrapped in prayer by her sisters in the Adventist Church.

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**Princess Tea** – More than 100 girls age 12 and younger, along with their moms or grandmothers, attended the second Pennsylvania Conference Princess Tea at the Hamburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hamburg, Pa. The fireside room had been transformed into a princess party complete with castles, pink and purple balloons, and tiny “carriage” treat boxes. The princesses moved about the room during the “princess ball”, enjoying seven different stops—each one featuring a story that told a bit about what it means to be a princess and an activity to go along with the story. They decorated tiaras and had their pictures taken with a castle backdrop. A favorite activity was decorating two cookies—one for themselves to eat and one to give to a friend as a way to share the news that their friend is also a princess.

The hungry princesses feasted on finger sandwiches shaped like butterflies, plus fruit, and cake, and sat attentively listening to stories of Gigi, God’s Little Princess (Gigi books and DVDs are available in some Adventist Book Centers).

“I’m surprised at the response to our tea party!” says Tamyra Horst, conference Women’s Ministries director. “We have moms who drive several hours to bring their “princesses” just for the afternoon.” The conference has sponsored women’s and teen retreats for several years, but Tamyra realized a couple of years ago that they had nothing for little girls. “My desire is to minister to girls from the time they are little through their adults years, helping them to grow closer to God and realize who they are in Him.”

**Adventists InStep for Life and Let’s Move Day** – Women’s Ministries is actively supporting the NAD Health Ministries Department’s two initiatives to get women and families exercising regularly and eating better. Here is an update from Health Ministries:

1. Promotional Video – You may download the newest Adventists InStep for Life video which
highlights a short report of the initiative and what the goals are for this year. Just click the link below and you can access the video (high resolution) on the dropbox: http://dl.dropbox.com/u/69185429/LMD_AISFL/WH%20Let%27s%20Move%20Video%20Entry.mov OR you may also download the low resolution on the youtube below: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-211KM1jhM&feature=share

2. Vibrant Life magazine is preparing a special issue on the obesity epidemic which you can use to hand out on your LETS MOVE DAY event to the friends and community participants.
3. Let’s Move Day, September 23 -- Now is the time to start planning your Let’s Move Day event.
4. Reporting Your Miles - We can reach our goal of two million miles in 2012 ONLY if ALL of you not only report your own miles but also encourage your family, friends and fellow church and community members to do the same. Please go to www.adventistsinstepforlife.org and make sure your miles are up to date for your own account, as well as for your church or school.

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