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The NAD Women's Ministries Offering will be taken July 14. Remember that 40% of the offering goes to your conference Women’s Ministries Department to be used for leadership training for women and evangelistic outreach by and for women. Churches that participate in the offering may be eligible to receive a portion of the conference or union’s share of the offering if they engage in approved leadership training events or evangelistic outreach.

The offering reminder postcard (pictured) was sent to all church Women’s Ministries leaders and clerks. We urge you to work with the pastor or head elder to make sure a woman calls for the offering that day. A sample offering call and bulletin inserts are available on our website: www.nadwm.org.
Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day is scheduled for August 25. We encourage you to work with your pastor to either observe it that day or find another day this year when it can be observed in your church. A sermon, children’s story, and seminar are available on our website. You may also wish to invite someone in the church or community who works with abuse victims to speak.

Abuse is not new in the church. Here is timeless advice to abused women from Ellen White. It is found in *The Adventist Home*, page 343.

"I have received your letter, and in reply to it I would say, I cannot advise you to return to D unless you see decided changes in him. The Lord is not pleased with the ideas he has had in the past of what is due to a wife. . . . If [he] holds to his former views, the future would be not better for you than the past has been. He does not know how to treat a wife.

I feel very sad about this matter. I feel indeed sorry for D, but I cannot advise you to go to him against your judgment. I speak to you as candidly as I spoke to him; it would be perilous for you to again place yourself under his dictation. I had hoped that he would change. . . 

The Lord understands all about your experiences. . . . Be of good courage in the Lord; He will not leave you nor forsake you. My heart goes out in tenderest sympathy for you."

2014 Division-Wide Women’s Convention – It’s not too soon to start planning for this event, which will be held September 25-28, 2014, in the beautiful Rosen Shingle
Creek Resort in Orlando, Fla.

A supply of Save-the-Date bookmarks have been mailed to all conference WM directors. If you need more, let us know. The bookmarks are printed in English on one side and Spanish on the other side.

A sad farewell to my assistant, Wendy Trim, who has accepted a position in GC Secretariat. Wendy has been invaluable to me and, I’m sure, to all of you who contact the office. She is exceptionally efficient and helpful. I will miss her, but I wish her every blessing in Secretariat.

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