

## EUD Women's Ministries Newsletter May 2018

In this issue



### **Austrian Union Women's Ministries Director retires**

Women's Ministries and Gerd-Laila Walter are almost synonymous in Austria. 21 years ago Gerd-Laila was asked to lead out in developing Women's Ministries for the Austrian Union of Seventh-Day Adventists and she has been the Director of the Women's Ministries Department ever since. A true pioneer, she has put her heart and soul into the work, nurturing and empowering women so they can reach out to others. In addition to the annual women's retreats and leadership seminars she has also helped develop the Hope4You program and Girls4Christ in Austria. Gerd-Laila Walter says that she has learned so...

[Find out more](#)



## Ladies on the Go

### A Visit to the Straw Museum in Wohlen, Switzerland



28. April 2018

A dozen cheerful women met on Sunday, April 22, in front of the Straw Museum in Wohlen. But first of all it was time to enjoy a delicious breakfast in a restaurant. In the Museum the Host Friedrich August Isler greeted the group and gave a review of the history of the straw industry. Although only an agricultural by-product, straw became a branch of the economy for hundreds of years. The cottage industry of the 18th and 19th centuries

developed to a major industry and the visitors were able to marvel at the machines, tools and delicate products and decorations, trying out various straw hats....

[Find out more](#)



## Women's Retreat in North Rhine-Westphalia

### „Prayer and Love Save“



28. April 2018

From April 13 to 15, about 60 women with an age range from 15 to 80 gathered in Mühlenrahmede to hear about the topic “Prayer and Love Save”, presented by Gerd-Laila Walter, Women's Ministries Director of the Austrian Union. Humility is strength of character; forgiveness is letting go; God uses chosen people, in order to heal; feelings are followed by deeds – these were some of the

*Photo: WM NRW*

things Gerd-Laila conveyed, illustrated by personal experiences. Time for sharing and creative activities as well as the testimony time in which the women were able to tell about

their experiences and challenges...

[Find out more](#)



## EUD Women's Ministries Department under New Leadership

**Dagmar Dorn takes over from Denise Hochstrasser**



*Photo: WMEUD*

**23. April 2018**

Women's Ministries is a department of the Seventh-Day- Adventist church with the goal of nurturing and empowering women of the church and helping them become active in outreach to other women. The department was established in 1900 by Mrs. S.M.I.Henry. Although practically forgotten after her death one year later, women have always been active in the church. Rekindled in 1990, and officially established as a full department in 1995, the department has seen an explosive development around the world. After all, women make up more than 60% of church membership. The EUD has had a WM department...

[Find out more](#)



## A Heart full of Contentment

**Women's Ministries Retreat with Gabriele Stangl**



*Photos: WM BMD*

[Find out more](#)



## 17. April 2018

The women from the Berlin-Mid-German Conference gathered for their annual retreat at the guest house Waldpark in the rolling east German hills from March 16 to 18, 2018. What does a contented heart look like? The answer beamed from the face of the speaker, the new Women's Ministries Director for the church region, Gabriele Stangl. She told with enthusiasm about her project to install a baby hatch at the Waldfriede Hospital in Berlin. With God's grace she was able to surmount all regulatory difficulties and the baby hatch has so far saved the lives of 260 babies in the 18 years of its...

[Read more than our latest news on our website.](#)