

# **EUD Women's Ministries Newsletter May 2018**

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## **Experience God's Power**

The Christian retreat centre in Riederau on the banks of Lake Ammer in Bayaria was the venue of a Women's Ministries retreat with Heather-Dawn Small, GC WM Director. 95 women from all parts of Germany, but also from Switzerland, Austria and Norway convened and filled the meeting hall from May 4-6 to hear Heather-Dawn speak about the ups and downs of her life. Many participants were able to identify with her struggles, problems and happy moments. But the topic of the weekend was encouraging, showing how God can heal and give strength, leading his children through the dark valleys into a life...

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# Women's Ministries Retreat in Wittensee, Germany

#### The Fabric of Your Life



Photo: WM

#### 07. May 2018

The Hansa Conference ladies always look forward to their annual retreat in Wittensee as a highlight in their year, with sharing and enjoying friendships and simply having a good time together. An interesting topic is a bonus program. This year, from May 4 to 6, they were invited to consider the life cycles that influence their lives. Using various methods of illustration Hannele Ottschofski enabled the women to look

back at their overlapping life cycles of family, education, work and leisure. "We weave our lives" was a topic accentuated by the interesting decoration including a weaving frame...

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## **Women's Ministries Retreat in Austria**

## "Wonderful! We are God's Daughters"



Photo: WM

06. May 2018

Fifty enthusiastic women gathered in the hostel in Mondsee to hear Heather-Dawn Small speak at the 2018 Women's Ministries retreat from April 27-29. Denise Hochstrassser and Dagmar Dorn from the EUD were also present. In her first unit Heather-Dawn concentrated on how important it is to celebrate and praise God and how to exercise gratitude. Dagmar and Denise

brought a report on current events in the EUD and the women were amazed at the broad spectrum of Women's Ministries. Heather-Dawn then spoke about challenging times in her own life and how the Bible verse in Genesis 16:13 "You are the...

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**New EUD Women's Ministries Director Welcomed** 

### Dagmar Dorn joins the EUD team



Photo: C.Cozzi

#### 03. May 2018

As she took up her position as Women's Ministries Director at the Inter-European Division in April 2018 Dagmar Dorn was welcomed with good wishes from the Division Administrative Committee expressed by EUD president Mario Brito. The process of choosing a new department leader was accompanied by much prayer and many consultations in order to find the right person. He welcomed Dagmar to

the team in which she is already perfectly integrated and accepted, thanking God for the leading of the Holy Spirit in the choice of a person with great motivation and deep commitment to God and His cause,...

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# Words of Appreciation for retiring Women's Ministries Director

### Denise Hochstrasser retires as of May 7, 2018



Photo: Stephan Brass

03. May 2018

Mario Brito, president of the Inter-European Division of Seventh-Day Adventists expressed on behalf of the Administrative Committee his appreciation of Denise Hochstrasser's work, saying they would always miss her, her questions, suggestions and utter and relentless defense of the women's cause as well as her focus on mission - how women could be useful instruments in God's hands to share the Gospel message at home, in the church and the society. Her loving and skillful manner of

motivating and rallying women, as a well-organized and hard-working team that has accomplished so much for the...

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**New Book for Women Released** 

### Meine Stille Zeit - My Devotional Time



#### 03. May 2018

Finding time for prayer in the daily hassle is often a great challenge for many women. They long for quiet time to meet God in the midst of family responsibilities, work and other engagements. This book is full of ideas, impulses, experiences and thoughts from the Bible and Ellen White's writings intended to inspire and revive personal prayer time. The texts originate from the material developed for the Women's International Day of Prayer. The material of the last three years have now been edited and collected and published in book form. Published in German by the Advent-Verlag Lüneburg the...

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# **Reunion of Women's Ministries Pioneers in Germany**

#### **Retiring Leaders visit their Mentor**



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Four Women's Ministries leaders from the first days met to remember their common time, to speak about the past and also about the joys, challenges and church politics of today. Ingrid Naumann is the woman who most influenced and shaped Women's Ministries in Europe. Gerd-Laila Walter, WM Director of Austrian Union and Denise Hochstrasser, WM Director Inter-European Division started their careers with her as their precious mentor and counselor, and now both are about to retire. There was so much to share and the joyful time passed much

too fast. A special highlight for Ingrid was certainly that...

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