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"We have different gifts according to the grace given us..." —ROMANS 12:6, NIV

A MINISTRY FOR EVERY WOMAN



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## News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

### End Violence Now



#### PHOTO ACTION 2022

On December 10, the Orange the World 2022 action days end, but there is still no end to violence. The enditnow® campaign also continues as long as women are subject to abuse and violence. We encourage you to become active in promoting activities to end violence now throughout the year. Remember to wear orange on every 25th of a month as a sign that you say no to violence against women and children. We want to thank all who participated in the enditnow® 2022 photo action and look forward to new ideas next year.

See link: <https://cloud.eud.adventist.org/index.php/s/d29oXQSGNYdptAg>

### New Prospects in Continuing Education for Women



#### RELAUNCH - LEVEL BECOMES R.E.A.L.

The continuing education program of the Women's Ministries Department in the German-speaking countries Germany, Austria and Switzerland will enter the new year with a new look, a new name, revised contents and is accompanied by the Friedensau Theological University, educational partner of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The new name r.e.a.l. is short for the German words reden - erleben - anleiten - leben (talk - experience - lead - live).

What remains are 3 dates with different focuses, pleasant fellowship and enough time to discover new things, to grow personally and in faith as well as very practical training for your engagement in your church and surroundings. The first r.e.a.l. discovery tour will start at the end of February in Freudenstadt, Germany. Topics like 'Successful communication & conflict management', 'Women in the Bible', 'A question of attitude' and many more will be addressed.

Registration online at [bit.ly/3XUnSav](https://bit.ly/3XUnSav)

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## Learning about Disabilities



### INCLUSION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH CHALLENGES

The second edition of the "Festival of Abilities" for children and young people with neurofunctional diversity took place in the municipality of Cămpia Turzii from 15 October to 3 December 2022. The motto of this festival was: "Together through art for social inclusion." Throughout this period, the organizers of the festival, namely, the Social Welfare Department Day Centre "Carine", the Association Pro Assisto (Cămpia Turzii), and the Association "Ianna-Floare-Aleasă, Centre for Special Education, provided the participants with various workshops for children with disabilities (helped by educational units from Turda and Cămpia Turzii), organized round table meetings and a festive show. Video presentations, puppet theatre, children's choir, piano music, autumn fair, and of course personal experiences made this one of the most enjoyable and productive periods, with children competing in activities. Praise the Lord for these ministry opportunities!



Although December 3 2022 is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, however, since October and November of this year, some of the schools in the municipalities of Turda and Cămpia

Turzii have benefited from two special workshops. One in October, on the occasion of "International Spine Day", for the prevention of spinal diseases, where children learned about the importance of correct posture, and the other in November about bullying in schools.

"Today, November 2, 2022, we kicked off the awareness/awareness project on bullying in schools in the city. A lot of prayer is needed", says Simona Anca, director of the Ianna-Floare-Aleasha Association.

During the "Education in Values" workshop, children learned through experiential activities how to relate to their peers who are disabled, helping them to understand that each of them is unique and special and to respect the diversity among their peers. Hands-on activities, such as "Blind Hen" (experiencing the sensation of not seeing), "Three-legged race" (highlighting the importance of helping a peer with such a disability), activities such as "Let's make a mouth/leg/blink drawing", taught children to empathize with those in such situations. The discussions generated at the end of these, led to the reinforcement of respect for diversity, the discovery of more solutions to help in situations of difficulty, and moments of reflection to raise awareness/awareness through questions such as "how did you feel after such an experience, what did you find most difficult in this activity, how did your peers find it, how would you like to do the same every day, what do you think about people who face such situations every day, how could you help them at school, what would you tell them/write them a message.

The meeting was very much enjoyed by the little ones, so a session of presentations for the children on mental health will follow. We thank God for these ministry opportunities!

As reported by Simona Anca, Director of the Women's Ministries Department, Northern Transylvania Conference, Romania

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## Training for Women in Romania



### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONVENTION IN TARGU JIU

At the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Târgu Jiu 1, on November 5, 2022, the Women's Ministries Department (WM) Convention was held. Coordinators and their teams from the area met for this training occasion in a blessed fellowship.

The prayer hour meditation entitled "The importance of prayer in our times" was given by Alina Poenariu, responsible for the WM Department. The sermon, entitled "The Joy of Service!", was presented by Daniela Petreacă, director of the WM Department at the Oltenia Conference. After the divine service, the training meeting followed with questions and answers, ideas for activities and projects, and personal experiences. On this occasion, folders with training resources per department and pens with the department logo were also distributed. In the end, the special fellowship ended with an appetizing meal, lovingly prepared by the sisters. God bless all the sisters in this part of the country!

As reported by Daniela Petreacă, Women's Ministries Director, Oltenia Conference, Romania

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## ADRA ROMANIA commemorates the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women



### RECEPTION CENTRE CASA ADRA HELPS VICTIMS

As every year, ADRA Romania joins organizations worldwide in the fight against the violation of women's rights through the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, celebrated every year on 25 November.

Since 2009, ADRA Romania runs the "Emergency Reception Centre for Victims of Domestic Violence - Casa ADRA". The objective of this project is the social reintegration of victims of domestic violence through shelter, social counseling, psychological counseling, emergency medical assistance, food, and referral to a lawyer. The lives of the beneficiaries housed in the center have been changed because they have experienced a different way of living: free from physical, verbal, economic, psychological, sexual, and religious violence, based on spiritual values, and cultivating healthy habits in nutrition, exercise, education, and recreation.

Violence against women is one of the most widespread human rights violations in the world. It takes place at home, on the street, at school, in the workplace, in refugee camps, and hospitals. To a greater or lesser extent, it happens in every country in the world, regardless of ethnicity, race, age, background, income, or level of education.

An international fund-raising effort including a music festival is being organized to aid this initiative.

See more on: <https://kurzelinks.de/f5fu>

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## Two Girls4Christ Meetings in Bavaria



### TEENS IN KAUFBEUREN AND LANDSHUT ENJOY G4C MEETINGS

On October 8, eleven girls met again in the afternoon for a Girls4Christ meeting in Kaufbeuren. The food was mega delicious and the topic "Do you know where love is at home?" was presented in a devotional talk. Based on Bible texts we then worked out that God loves all people. God has given us the mission to love, which is written in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Many creative hearts

were created and there was a lot of laughter during the games. We want to be there again at the next G4C and maybe more girls will bring their friends.

According to a report by Irina Steinweber

On October 23, a Girls4Christ day was again organized in the Adventist church in Landshut. After a common breakfast it was time to get to know each other better and thanks to modern technology, the four Ukrainian girls were able to tell about themselves without any problems.

A short devotion and singing together created a framework for the theme of the day: "How beautiful – your beauty and you." We approached the topic from different angles and creatively discussed ideals of beauty, self-worth, and our experience of the media.

Joint games and a delicious pizza rounded off the day. At the end of the feedback session, one participant said, "Actually, there's no such thing as one ideal of beauty - everyone is beautiful in their own way."

According to a report by Melanie Bahr

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## Orange Your World 2022



### PHOTO ACTION IN LOCAL CHURCH

On November 19, persons attending the church service in Tübingen, Germany, were invited to participate in a photo action for the 16 days of activism called "Orange your world" of UN WOMEN.

The photos were taken of men, women, and children, who stepped behind a frame with the enditnow logo and hands symbolizing "Stop Violence against Women." A video that was created with the photos is now being shared on social media and was shown in the church on November 26, 2022. Link to video: <https://cloud.eud.adventist.org/index.php/s/Cs6LXKiq2p5meqY>

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## Women's Ministries Retreat in Bavaria



### NOTHING HAS TO STAY THE WAY IT IS IF WE DON'T LIKE IT...

...easier said than done I thought to myself! I really wanted to hear what the speaker of the women's weekend from November 4-6, this year, in Sulzberg-Moosbach had to say about it. With my two dearest girlfriends in tow, we headed for the Allgäu and were greeted with a magnificent mountain panorama and cowbell concert as soon as we arrived on Friday afternoon. The Christian guesthouse AllgäuWeite is located above the Rottachspeicher and offers a brilliant view. The bond between unknown sisters was quickly established in an atmosphere of gratitude, love, and hope.

After a delicious supper, the topic was addressed and Gabriele Stangl drew us into the spell with her words. "I have a story for you...". The pastor and Women's Ministries Director of the Berlin Mid-German Conference let us share her years of work as a chaplain at the Waldfriede Hospital in Berlin, where she had fought for the first hospital-affiliated baby hatch. Years later, she also appeared before the Bundestag to advocate for the possibility of legal, anonymous birth for women in difficult circumstances. Her deep faith and loving connection with God helped some miracles happen. In her presentations, she gave us the courage that nothing in our lives has to stay as it is if we don't like it. With God, we can fight like David against Goliath, even if the situation seems hopeless to us.

God was very close to us during this time together in songs, devotions, and deep conversations.

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." E.G. White, Life Sketches

Of course, everyone had brought their backpack of life's struggles, but no participant left this weekend without hope for change with God's help and His promise to take care of us.

According to a report by Andrea Müller

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## Women's Encounter Day in Landshut, Germany



### DON'T LET YOUR HEAD HANG!

After a two-year break, a Women's Encounter Day was organized in Landshut with Lydia Lukic on October 23, 2022. Finally, they were able to meet again, to share, sing, pray, eat, refuel, give and take away.

Over 30 women were welcomed in the church building in bright sunshine. There were guests from many nationalities and the most diverse histories and countries of origin, who now live in Bavaria. Some have lived there already over 60 years and some only a few months. There was even translation for women from Ukraine who meet in the church during the week to learn German.

The theme was: "Don't let your Head hang!", which Lydia presented very beautifully with hanging gerberas, which rose again in the course of the day. The shared food at breakfast, lunch, and refreshments, made the variety possible and completed the inspiring day.

It was a day of encounter, refreshment, strengthening, and inspiration, made possible by everyone involved. Thank you to all!

According to a report by Sibyll Michaelsen

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