

# 30th Anniversary

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

### Almost Home



#### Recommended Reading: Women's Devotional Book for 2026

The new Women's Devotional Book 2026 is now available. This is the 34th book in the series of devotionals written by women for women since this project was started in 1992 by Rose Otis, the first General Conference director of Women's Ministries. She began a scholarship fund for women in college who need a little financial help. A portion of the proceeds will support higher education for women globally. This edition will connect you day by day with women who live, love, and grow in faith in the different corners of our global home.

When Jesus walked beside the Twelve, He saw their weariness and understood their sense of being overwhelmed. Life in Palestine was hard under the rule of the Roman Empire, and their spiritual leaders burdened them by exacting unnecessary

requirements.

Jesus knew their weariness and promised, "I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

He knew they longed for Home and vowed, "I will come again" (John 14:3).

Not much has changed over the intervening centuries. We are weary. Life is hard in today's polarized political climate. There is nothing this prodigal planet can offer to satisfy our deepest needs or fulfill our dearest hopes.

But God's promises still stand. He gives rest to the weary and reminds us we are almost home!

"In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay" (Hebrews 10:37).

So, as women of faith, "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise" (Hebrews 10:23).

"I will bring you home" (Zephaniah 3:20).

We are almost home!

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## Women's Conference in Czech Republic



### The World Inside Us

As every year, we met again to spend a women's weekend together, this time from October 3 to 5, 2025. This year we were in Malenovice, a beautiful small village located in the heart of the Beskydy Mountains. Throughout the weekend, together with our main guest, Mgr. Ráchel Bícová, we reflected on "The World Inside Us" — about emotions and how to regulate them. We experienced a truly intense weekend full of laughter, emotions, pleasant encounters, friendly conversations, and also deep spiritual moments. I am grateful to God for the beautiful sunny weather He blessed us with, and above all for His presence, which we could feel, as well as for the friendly atmosphere we created together. I am glad we were able to rest well, enjoy being cared for in every way, and recharge so that we could return to our homes a little more content, fulfilled, and happier. A great thanks for all of this belongs to God. We're already looking forward to next year!

As reported by Lenka Kogutova

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## Women's Ministries Weekend at Les Diablerets, Switzerland



### A Sweet Scent

Around sixty women gathered with joy and enthusiasm in Les Diablerets from October 3 to 5, 2025, to discuss the theme "A Sweet Fragrance." Our guest speaker, Lynn Kanga Mazarin, led us on a profound, simple, and very concrete journey.

All regions of our Conference were well represented: around thirty members from across French-speaking Switzerland, fifteen from Ticino, a few from France and Italy, and a dozen women from our circles of friends. It was a blessed weekend. All our gratitude goes to our Lord.

Here is Simona Pugliese's testimony, translated from Italian:

"Here I am, back from my adventure in Les Diablerets, during the weekend organized by WM, in the company of many sisters who, like me, had the wonderful opportunity to meet Lynn Kanga.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to understand what the essence of my perfume is, and even more so, what the "sweet perfume" of Jesus is.

Knowing that each of us has our own unique and special essence, learning to identify or recognize it, and being able to share it, is invaluable for the spiritual journey we have been on for so long. Sometimes we take many things for granted; other times, we live with the inability to see ourselves through God's eyes. What I learned during this weekend is that if I use God's gaze to observe myself, I will be able to see what I have never seen before. I will discover that my essence is so special that it allows me to recognize the place He has chosen for me in His work and in His Church.

Thank you to Lynn for her perfume, for helping us recognize our own, and for giving us an additional tool to look deep inside ourselves.

Thank you to the sisters who made me love the moments of praise, to those I met again after so many years, and to those I met for the first time. Thanks also to those who took care of us by preparing delicious meals in the kitchen, and to those who organized such a special weekend with love and dedication. Unfortunately, I had a language barrier, but in heaven, I will make up for all the conversations I couldn't share with you all. Glory to God, forever! »

As reported by Bernadette Fogliani and Karin Hoareau, leaders of Women's Ministries in the Swiss-Romande Conference

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## Focus on Health in the Muntenia Conference, Romania



### "Movement for You"

Starting on October 20, 2025, we have launched a new project dedicated to health and well-being: "Movement for You."

We initiated this program aware of the fact that, in the fast pace of everyday life, many of us neglect physical activity, spend hours in incorrect positions at work, and our joints and muscles suffer. To correct these imbalances and to learn how to keep our bodies active and healthy, we invited physical therapy specialists to guide us step by step, helping us regain joint flexibility, activate our muscles, and improve our overall well-being.

The first meeting was attended by people of different ages and professions, from within and outside the church. The atmosphere was warm and friendly, and the feedback from the participants was extremely positive.

It was a successful event, with a promising start to a journey of health and regained energy!

According to a report by Ștefania Dascălu, Leader of the Women's Ministries Department, Brâncoveanu Church, Bucharest

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## Women of Light in Lentini, Italy



### Women's Meeting inspires and motivates to be a light for Christ

On Sunday, Sept. 28, an atmosphere of special grace enveloped the meeting "Women of Light," organized by the Women's Ministries of the Adventist Church of Lentini, Sicily. Immersed in the beauty of a natural setting, women gathered to experience intense spiritual moments and deep fellowship. Voices joined in a chorus of praise, and collective prayers were sent to our God. The theme "Being Light" ignited poignant reflections and personal testimonies on how to shine with the light of Christ in daily life amid the labors and joys of each day.



But it was in the sincere hugs, radiant smiles, and words of comfort exchanged among the participants that the true essence of Christian sisterhood was manifested. Each gesture of love spoke more than a thousand words, communicating acceptance, support, and the tenderness that only hearts united in faith can give. The agape meal

transformed the simple moment of a lunch into a true communion, where the meal tasted like home, family, and church.

The culmination was the final intercessory prayer, when all together brought their needs, hopes, and concerns before God. In that circle of faith, the divine presence was felt as the prayers rose to heaven like a bridge of heavenly hugs.

Each woman returned home with a full heart and renewed spirit, taking with her the awareness of her call to be "light" in the world. It was a blessed day on which we planted a seed destined to sprout and bring hope to families, communities, and hearts in need.

"So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

According to a report by Manuela Amore, Lentini Adventist Church

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