



# Women's Ministries Newsletter

## Trans-European Division

### Greetings to you all

Well as many of you will know and feel the summer has truly gone for this year. Many of us had nothing to complain about this year because nearly all over Europe the summer was very hot. For some too hot. Isn't it funny how people love to complain. Too hot, too cold, too much rain, not enough rain!! The list goes on and on. Somehow we need to find something to complain about.

One of my favourite Bible texts says:

"Don't worry about anything, but pray and ask God about everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have." Philippians 4:6

I think people would be much happier if we followed that advice.

Well that is something I will now have to practice. As you will see Solveig my PA is leaving after 3 years of a wonderful working relationship. I will miss her very much. But I thank God for Zsuzsanna Kovacs-Biro who has come to replace her as my PA. Zsuzsanna is a very creative lady and I look forward to working with her very much.

So I thank God for this blessing. Keep thanking God and you will feel a marked difference in your life.

God bless you all.

*Clair*



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#### Special points of interest:

- *Goodbye to Solveig*
- *New Women's Ministries leader in Sweden*
- *Debby Birach reaches 3000 people through flowers*
- *Me Time in the Netherlands Union*

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### Goodbye to Solveig

### Hello to Zsuzsanna



## New Women's Ministries Director Swedish Union

The Swedish Union have chosen a new Women's Ministries Director at their last session. We want to thank Daniel Hailemariam for his dedication to Women's Ministries and we welcome Sonja Kalmbach as the new leader for Sweden.

Recently Daniel organized a WM leadership training and I was happy to have met Sonja there.

It will be a pleasure working with her and her dedicated team of volunteers. As you can see by the picture Sonja is a fun loving lady and she will be a great addition to our Women's Ministries Family.

We pray that God will bless Sonja in her work for the ladies in Sweden.



## Women's Ministries Leadership Training level 1

15 ladies from the Swedish Union came together to have the first ever Women's Ministries leadership training level 1.

Everyone was very enthusiastic and eager to get started with Women's Ministries in their local churches.

Already a date has been set for 2014 for a level 2 training.

Altogether there are 4 levels of training and for each level there are credits to be had from Griggs University.

This coming year there will also be a training



in Greece and Finland. And later this year in Hungary. So if you are interested for your Union let us know.



## Debby Birach—Australia One of the guest speakers for the Women's Ministries Conference in 2014

Here is a photo from the big floral display that just finished in my town. Every year as you know we have a display in ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL, in TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS. This year the theme was 'Second coming of Jesus'.

It was amazing because 2000- 3000 people past by the big floral display. It was evangelisation with absolutely amazing experiences. I am so happy and thankful to God !!!

This design represents " GOD'S LOVE IS NEVER ENDING TO US " When we are connected with him , we can share HIS love.

Debby is one of our guest speakers at the Women's Ministries Conference in Rogaska in 2014.



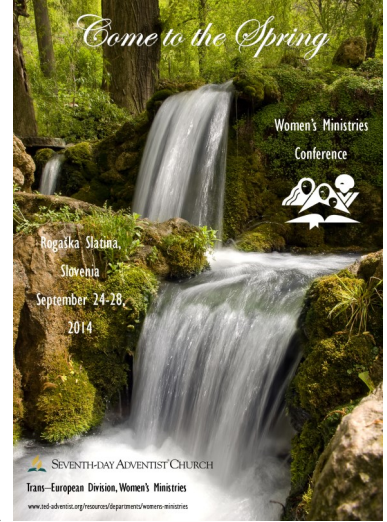


The Women’s Ministries Conference planned for 24-28 September in 2014 is now well underway. A weekend planned for women pastor’s, Bible workers and those holding positions at Union level was organized by Daniel Duda and we made good use of that fact.

We asked all Women’s Ministries Directors of the Union to stay for one day extra and we planned the whole event together.

Make sure that you don’t miss out on this event as it will only be offered once in 5 years.

Get in touch with local Union leader if you want to know more.



## ME TIME—in the Netherlands

**Me time? Yes you can! This was our slogan on Sabbath the 8 of June. The second Sabbath in June has been called the international women’s day by the Adventist church. The womens council had prepared a programme for all the women of The Netherlands in 5 different cities around the country. In total 370 ladies from 40 different churches came together in the city closest to them.**

All programmes had been prepared; singing, specials, encouraging words and great food. There were a total of 16 workshops the wom-

en could choose from. Health Adventure provided a workshop at each location. The women also had a choice to go to a beauty or creative workshop. In Rotterdam, at the singing workshop, a choir was born. In the Hague it seems the women have established a new book club because of the workshop ‘living room’.

The highlight of the day was the prayer moment. At all 5 locations there was a prayer moment. It was all held at the same time so even though the locations were far apart, at that moment all the women were connected

through the power of prayer.

Next year the international Seventh Day Adventist women’s day is on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. The women’s council hopes to have another amazing inspiring programme planned for all the Dutch ladies!



**COULD THIS BE AN IDEA FOR YOUR UNION. WOMEN WOULD NOT THEN HAVE TO TRAVEL SO MUCH.**

**THANK YOU MADELON FOR THIS WONDERFUL INITIATIVE.**

This photo is of the group in Eindhoven in the South of the Netherlands.

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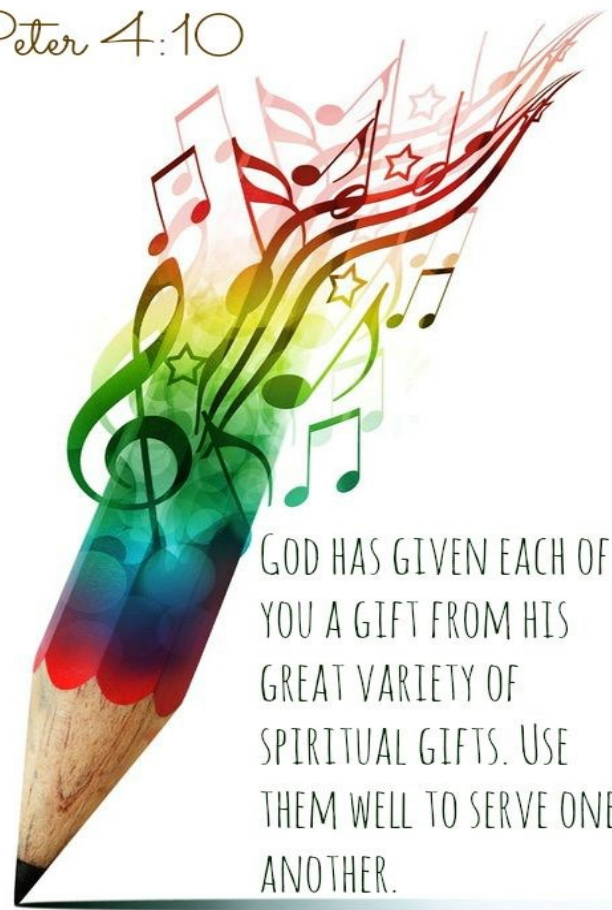
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*Just a few of the ladies attending the Women's  
Pastor's Council at Newbold College during  
the weekend of 6-8 of September 2013*

1 Peter 4:10



GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF  
YOU A GIFT FROM HIS  
GREAT VARIETY OF  
SPIRITUAL GIFTS. USE  
THEM WELL TO SERVE ONE  
ANOTHER.

