

# Women's Ministries Newsletter

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Hi Everyone,

Although autumn can quite often be rather windy, wet and cold, I love it. The colours of the trees and the sound of the wind and crisp air always gives me a good feeling. Autumn is probably the time of year I

like to walk in the forests the most. Of course every season has its good and bad points but autumn is definitely my favourite.

Did you know that autumn is mentioned in the Bible only one time. In Jude 1:12 to be exact. There it speaks of false teachers who are compared to "autumn trees without fruit". In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we read "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven". Have you discovered what your purpose is yet?

Sometimes we just go through life from day to day not thinking about what our lives could mean or grow into. God has a purpose for all of us and if we only stay close to him all will be revealed.

Does this sound pious. It is not meant to be. Looking back on my life I have seen where God has truly been working in my life.

May God bless you all as you keep working for Him and the women in your care.

Clair

*For humans, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together.*

*For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad. Edwin Way Teale*



## Women's Ministries weekend

### Lithuania

In the weekend of 1-3 June of this year the Lithuania Mission organized a Women's Ministries weekend. Over 80 ladies attended. The theme for the weekend was Woman of Worth. On the Friday evening many ladies from Vilnius came especially to meet with the ladies from Kaunas church. Lithuania is the country with the most suicides in the world as Renate, WM leader for Lithuania, pointed out. Depression is wide spread and this weekend was meant to give hope and joy to those attending. Because our church works with and for young unmarried women the local council sent a representative to the meetings. She was very much appreciative of what our church does. The Sabbath School, Divine Service and all the afternoon programmes on Sabbath were all geared toward making women aware of depression and what we as a church can do to help others.

I am sure that Renate and her team will be running more programmes like this which unite women in and outside the church to be of support to each other.



**Photo 1 : Renate Women's Ministries leader from Lithuania, next to her a lady from the local council, Clair and Gina a Bible worker in Kaunas church.**

**Photo 2: Women attending the meetings in Kaunas church**

**Photo 3: Beautiful flower arrangement especially made for our day.**





Well it is official. We can now start promoting our first ever Women's Ministries Conference for the Trans-European Division. This is a chance to get together and worship God as women and uplift and encourage one another. The theme for our weekend will be "COME TO THE SPRING". The reason we want to promote it now is to give all women a chance to start saving. In principle everyone has 2 years to save. Very soon we will be sending promotional materials to all the unions. A quota for each Union, Conference, Mission and Field will be sent out.

Guest speakers have been invited. But I will not reveal all yet. The planning of the programme is just getting started and we want to leave room for working without tying ourselves down just yet.

This conference is not my conference but will be our conference. This means that I expect involvement from all our Unions and everyone will have some part to play.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

24-28 September 2014



We will be staying at Hotel Sava in Rogaska Slatina in Slovenia. This is a beautiful hotel with a lot to offer. We have also arranged for Hotel Zagreb as an overflow because we are expecting about 450 ladies to attend.



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Four girls from the SEEUC received a scholarship from the General Conference Women's Ministries Department. Jelena Pavlovic, Vesna Taseva, Tijana Miroslav Tirzic and Tanja Dane Progonic.

All are attending the Belgrade Seminary. Marja Trajkovska, Women's Ministries Director of SEEUC and Clair Sanches Women's Ministries Director of the Trans-European Division were there to hand them the scholarships and to wish them well with their studies.

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