

New Beginnings for Women in the SPD

I'm super excited about starting my new job! To be serving the majority of our church's membership is an awesome responsibility and opportunity.

I feel very privileged to have been able to start by attending a sanctuary event for women called 46. It was 46 hours of being at a place of refuge in the beautiful rolling hills of Victoria, Australia, away from hustle and bustle of big cities where the majority of the Australian population lives. There were women who minister to other women, children, men, youth and mature age people attending; a relatively small group. We tackled the topic of believing: believing in God, ourselves, others and believing in the dream of our lives. We had time for God, a few thought provoking presentations, group discussions, exercise, quiet time and we were just spoilt by an abundance of healthy food.

The reason I'm sharing this with you is to encourage you.

1. There are always ways of getting help when we need it. I needed to be with women who supported me, prayed for me, gave me hugs, dried my tears, uplifted me, helped me to focus on the future and the amazing possibilities ahead. If you need help, ask. There are wonderful people all around us who are willing to help. There are amazing books that can help us on our journey. Search for them.
2. I encourage you to be that help for someone in need. I was able to buy a soap at this event which has a message of courage and reflection inside it. Today I gave it to one woman in the office. She was so blessed to receive it, as it gave her courage for an important event she needs to attend today. I did not know that this small act of kindness would be such a blessing to her. You too can reach out to another person with a smile, phone



call, message, a flower, meal, gentle touch... You don't know how much a small act of kindness can brighten another's day.

As I start this new job, I solicit your prayers, support, advice and creativity. I will share with you my life, and I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you. Wishing you God's blessings as we journey together, empowering each other by God's grace, to be the best we can be and to be champions of the gospel.

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Calendar

2018

- 17-26 August
Solomon Islands
- 22 September
Greater Sydney
WM Conference
- 19-22 October
South New Zealand
WM Conference
- 22-27 November
Tonga
Prayer Breakfast and
Women's Ministry
events
- Preaching
appointments in
Sydney

2019

- 5-14 April
New Caledonia
Youth Week of
Prayer
- 17-21 April
Tonga
TPUM Women's
Congress

August 2018
Edition 18/1

EndItNow Abuse Prevention Awareness Day

This year August 25 is dedicated to Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day or another name for it is EndItNow Emphasis day. If any of you are passionate about being involved in this cause, you can [click here](#) and download the materials specially prepared for this year. There is a sermon,

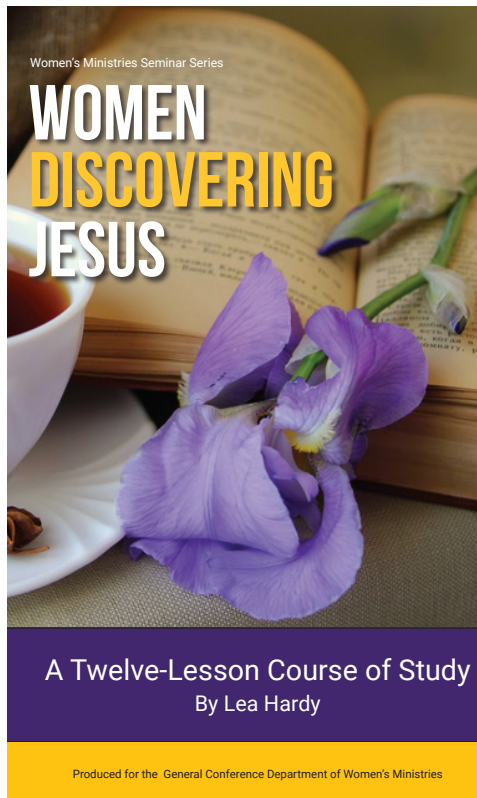
seminar, and suggested activities.

Here is a succinct statement from South Pacific Division Executive Committee at the year-end meetings of 2012 on the matter.

We, as representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in

the South Pacific, gathered at the year-end meetings of the South Pacific Division (November 13-15, 2012), declare that we will never commit, excuse, or remain silent about any abuse or violence within our homes, churches, institutions or communities.

Resources - Contact Jan at the SPD Office



Real Series for teenage girls and young women



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We are here to help
women reach their
potential!

Below is a resource which is produced by GROUP Publishing, a Christian publishing house.
If you are wanting ideas, Group is a good place to start.



When we hear the word "discipleship," a few things typically come to mind—namely Bible study, evangelism, or spiritual mentorship. What we don't picture is comfortable conversation in front of a crackling campfire with friends. But what if discipleship looked like that? What if it felt more like friendship and less like a subject to study? Let's reimagine discipleship as: Intimate conversation, not study and note-taking; Friends connecting, not teachers lecturing students; Spirit-led adventure, not fill-in-the-blank homework assignments. Try discipling a new way based on Jesus' model of radical friendship. Be the first to see the Friends of God Discipleship Experience. [Click here](#) to go to the web site.