



Calendar 2019

- 6 June Women's Ministries Emphasis Day
- 24/6-27/9 Long Service Leave
- 24 August enditnow Emphasis Day
- 1-3 November New Caledonia Women's Retreat

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Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

by Danijela Schubert

I am sure all is set in your church for the Women's Ministry Emphasis Day on June 6. I look forward to hearing good reports of how such messages are changing communities for the better. The materials are available on our website <http://women.adventistchurch.com/resources/womens-ministry-emphasis-day-2019>

Thanks to Raquel Arrais, associate director for General Conference Women's Ministries, who inspires us with her enthusiasm to rise and shine for Jesus. The theme of her sermon resource packet is "The Call to Arise and Shine." Isaiah 60:1, 2 is the theme text: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Women will discover that Isaiah gives us a clear message, a wholistic message, a message to serve and a message of challenge.

In the afternoon program, women are challenged to shine brightly as we examine what it means to be "Shining Within, Shining Out and Shining Together." These ideas fit well with our Women's Ministries mission of nurture, empower and outreach. Each section contains its own script and slides.

Blessings to those who are preparing for this day to encourage all to arise and shine for God.



SPD Website for Adventist Women

A new platform for the South Pacific Division website is in place. We have been working on transferring necessary files from the old website to the new. For example, all editions of Going Places are available, sermons, Bible studies and links to information from the General Conference Women's Ministry website.

We are keeping the website up to date with materials for hosting the three major events on the Women's Ministry calendar: International Day of Prayer in March, Women's Ministry Emphasis

Day in June and EndItNow emphasis day in August.

We have added links to the social media pages of many local unions and conferences where you can see how they are involved in their local settings.

The page is still a work in progress, and we welcome your suggestions for improvement. Please visit

women.adventistchurch.com.



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Cockatoos Having a Shower

by Danijela Schubert

It started raining heavily when I was crossing the road towards my office one morning. As I sat in my office, glad I was inside and not outside, I heard the well-known sound.

Yes, pouring rain.

But also cockatoos. Anyone who knows these birds is aware that they make a loud, recognisable, squawking sound.

I saw several of them in swift flight. I expected that they would, like me, try

to find shelter somewhere as the rain started becoming heavier.

Unlike me, they had something else in mind. They aimed for the top of the tree where there is no cover. They opened their wings wide to have a shower!

Not only that. They then deliberately hung upside down with their wings outstretched so they could have a shower on the other side too! They were certainly soaking in the blessing

of this autumn shower.

When we encounter showers in our life — events, situations that we see as unpleasant — I wonder whether we run away and hide, looking for shelter.

Perhaps, like these cockatoos, we also need to open ourselves to cleansing from heaven, to take away all the dirt and make us pure and white.

Prayer: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51:2.



For the High School-aged Crowd

Greater Sydney Conference Women's Ministry and Adventist Youth have joined forces to organise an exciting, interactive day conference for high school aged youth, girls and boys, on June 15.

They call the program Imagine for the girls and the Brotherhood for the boys. The girls will spend the day being encouraged and empowered to reach their potential. The boys will learn that every man is destined to leave a legacy

and will be enabled to use their given lives to make a difference exploring God's dream for their life.

To find out more visit <https://sydney.adventist.org.au/imagine-brotherhood-2019/>

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Adverse Childhood Experiences

by Danijela Schubert

"I want to listen to this radio station," I said to my brother. We were home alone. I was aged about 7 and he was about 15.

"No, I want to listen to this radio station," he replied.

I went to change the radio station to the one I wanted to listen to as it featured some nice children's stories. But my brother was adamant that he wanted to listen to his music radio station.

Does that sound familiar? Many siblings have arguments at home.

However, in my case that was the beginning of our argument, which ended in my brother hitting me over my face with his hand. As he was young and strong, and I was much younger and petite, the hit was such that I flew through our hallway. It seemed a very long hallway at that moment. In reality it was about 3 metres.

I told my mum what happened, and from that day onward she never left me alone at home with my brother.

This is one of several adverse childhood experiences (ACE) that I encountered. Another one, which I won't elaborate on today, was that I grew up in an alcoholic home — both my father and brother were alcoholics.

Many health issues, as well as mental health problems, can be linked to ACE. These experiences include psychological, physical or sexual abuse; emotional

or physical neglect; household dysfunction, such as alcoholism or drug use in the home; loss of a biological parent; depression or mental illness in the home; the mother treated violently or an imprisoned household member.

As a Church we need to include the promotion of good mental health in our comprehensive health ministry. More than that, we need to be the warm and welcoming Church that will be a source of love, joy, encouragement and hope.



Check the following Adventist research websites for more information, and support the EndItNow campaign on August 24, which is entitled God's Path to Resilience.

<http://www.adventistresearch.org/blog/2019/04/childhood-adverse-experiences-mental-health-and-adventist-church>

<http://www.adventistresearch.org/blog/2018/02/warm-and-caring-church-part-1>

Community Program for Young People

Central Papua Conference is planning to hold an event in Port Moresby for youth, both women and men, during the second term school holidays from July 2-12. Mona Lisa Sop-Lepen, one of the enthusiastic church members in Korobosea church in Port Moresby, in consultation with Women's Ministry leader Joy Koi, is planning to run a Real series with Real Friends, Real Beauty, Real Love and Princess Tea as a community program. They are also running a program for boys, which they call Real Strength.

For the girls, they are using excellent materials available through the South Pacific Division. However, for the boys such materials are not available so they have created their own. Mona says,

"We don't have material for the boys' program but we follow a study we put together for young people called Heirs to the Kingdom. We adapted some of the lessons from Real Beauty and Real Love for the boys' program. We have run three boys' programs so far over the last

seven years in Port Moresby, Goroka and Kavieng."

Mona is very passionate about these programs. "I feel that we can't run enough of these programs in our cities because the Devil doesn't stop his bombardment of destructive messages to our young girls so we

need to run as many as we can as often as we can."

Thank you Mona for your excellent work in empowering young women and men in Papua New Guinea to be the best they can be!

You can find out more about what they are doing and what impact it is having on the following link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgPQ72S0vEScK1zy5fLj_lw



The 10,000 TOES Campaign

Stamping out diabetes in the South Pacific

July 14-21 will be a time in life that a group of 20 people from different parts of Australia will never forget. If they survive to tell the story, that is!

They will be walking the famous Kokoda Trek that will challenge their mental and physical endurance. They will walk where the Anzac diggers trod. Learn about the Fuzzy Wuzzy angels that cared for the soldiers in 1942. Experience an array of scenery from jungles to deep gorges to tracks beside pristine rivers. All this while rubbing shoulders with the locals who live along the track.

In doing this they will raise awareness for the 10,000 Toes Campaign to help eradicate diabetes, which is crippling thousands of people in the Pacific.

On the following website you can see who these people are and read their stories. You can also encourage them in their preparation and financially support this cause. Go to <https://www.10000toes.com/home/kokoda/>

Please keep them in your prayers from July 14-21! They will need them.

Adventist Promise

"We can help you understand the Bible to find freedom, healing and hope in Jesus."

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This wording was approved by the General Conference Administrative Committee to become the core message of the Adventist.org website. It sets a clear expectation of what

the worldwide public can expect from all Adventist entities and members. It is about helping people understand the Bible so that they can get to know Jesus for themselves and, through Him, find the hope they have been craving.

RESOURCES

Women's Ministry Banners

On the following web page you will find the files for Women's Ministry banners which you can give to a printer, so you can display them at your events such as retreats, prayer breakfasts, camp meetings.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rhtqgmwazi4pgdk/AABYEdAQVp0glhBEVRPKtRba?dl=0>



The strongest argument in favour of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian.
Ellen G. White