

Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, 2015

Women's Ministries

Women's ministries upholds, encourages, and challenges women in their daily walk as disciples of Jesus Christ and as members of His church.

Its objectives are to foster spiritual growth and renewal; affirm that women are of immeasurable worth by virtue of their creation and redemption, equip them for service, and offer women's perspectives on church issues; minister to the broad spectrum of women's needs, with regard for multicultural and multiethnic perspectives; cooperate with other departments to facilitate ministry to women and of women; build good will among women to encourage mutual support and creative exchange of ideas; mentor and encourage women and create paths for their involvement in the church; and find ways and means to challenge each woman to use her gifts to further global mission.

Women's Ministries Leader and Committee—The elected women's ministries leader develops specific ministries to nurture women and equip them for service. She serves as chairperson of the women's ministries committee and encourages ideas and plans that maximize women's contributions to the mission of the Church.

The leader assists the board with integrating activities and programs for women into the larger church program. She keeps the church informed of the contribution of women's ministries to church life. The leader's liaison for training and resource material is the conference women's ministries director.

The women's ministries leader should be a sensitive, caring woman with a burden for women's ministry and concerns, a balance in her perspectives, an ability to encourage other women to cultivate their spiritual gifts, and an ability to work well with women in the church, the pastor, and the board.

The women's ministries committee fosters ministry to women in the church. This committee should be composed of those interested in the broad spectrum of women's needs and services and those with varied talents and experience.

Resources—For women's ministries resources, see Notes, #17, p. 177.

#17. Women's Ministries Resources (see p. 103)—Leadership certification levels 1-4; resource materials for Day of Prayer, Women's Emphasis Day, and Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day; Pastor's and Elder's Handbook for Women's Ministries. For further information, contact your local conference women's ministries director and visit www.adventistwomensministries.org.