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### MISSION STATEMENT

The department of Women's Ministries exists to uphold, encourage and challenge Adventist women in their pilgrimage as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His World church.

### VISION STATEMENT

**Women empowered and nurtured to fulfill their God-given potential.**

### THEME

A Ministry for Every Woman: Touch a Heart, Reach My World

### METHOD

"Christ's method ALONE will give true success in reaching people. The Savior mingled with [people] as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. THEN He bade them, 'follow Me'." *Ministry of Healing, p. 143*  
Isaiah 61:1-3

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

"He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

“To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own” Isaiah 61:1-3.

Why “Reach My World?” – To encourage each woman to reach those closest to her – in her family, neighborhood, community, workplace, etc.

“Not all work that needs to be done for Christ is in faraway lands. Our work may be right in the home. We can do our duty for Christ in the home, the church, the neighborhood. We may work among friends and for those with whom we do business.” – {*Steps to Jesus* 81.1}

#### Avenues of Outreach – Six Challenge Issues

1. Illiteracy
2. Poverty
3. Threats to Health
4. Woman’s Workload
5. Abuse
6. Lack of Training, Mentoring and Leadership Opportunities

#### **Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 and SID WM Response**

26 Objectives (SID strategic Plan) have been identified by the Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division under the heading of -

- Reach Up to God (**NURTURE**)
- Reach in with God (**EMPOWER**)
- Reach Out with God (**OUTREACH**)

SIDWM has chosen 11 of these objectives to focus on this quinquennium that line up with our focus in WM during the past 10 years and into the future –

1. To involve Adventist members in daily Bible study (*Reach Up to God – Nurture*)

2. To nurture believers in lives of discipleship and to involve them in service (*Reach in with God – Empower*)
3. To increase the engagement of young people (*women*) in the life of the church (*Reach in with God – Empower*)
4. To enhance Adventist outreach and presence in large urban areas worldwide (*Reach Out with God – Outreach*)

A number of Action plans have been developed to help us measure success or failure in the above 11 objectives

How can WM be involved?

**Refer to the Draft Strategic Plan**