

FRANCE UNIT REPORT



CARREFOUR DES FEMMES FRANCE

UNION DE L'EGLISE EVANGELIQUE METHODISTE DE FRANCE (UEEMF)

In France there are 22 methodist churches and 6 women group coming together regularly. The President of our country leads board meetings 3 times a year in Strasbourg; she also participates in conference meetings organized by Switzerland who supports us in many ways.

WORSHIP

Every year, we are organizing together with a local church, a complete week-end where all regional communities are invited to celebrate together. By the same time, a guest speaker is invited to provide a special training on a chosen theme.

SOCIAL ACTION

- To support our sisters in Albania, we sold at several meetings many hand craft made bags. It has been a very successful action as these bags are unique and of good quality.
- With help of a Cambodian pastor living in France, we asked many people to help supporting a group of teachers in Cambodia so that they can continue teaching children and spreading the Gospel by the same time.

RELATIONSHIPS

- In 2013, a regional meeting in Anduze (south of France) allowed 60 women to know each other and to have enlightening exchanges on a chosen topic called : « Women of Jesus's genealogy ».
- In 2015, a regional meeting in Metz (north-east of France) was an opportunity for about 20 women to create links and to listen to a christian psychologist from Luxemburg concerning ways to face depression. It was also an occasion to explain women's action during the Sunday's worship and relating the world meeting in Houston.
- In France, very few people know about the women groups and their work. Every meeting give us opportunities to inform people as we are invited to be « chosen people, called to proclaim ».
- In 2017 a national meeting in Paris was a special event ; around 40 women from all over the country came to join these wonderful moments, creating links, sharing their joy as well as their difficulties in their own group.

VARIOUS ACTION

During the last years, we developed different e-learning courses based on following topics :

- for young mothers : how to be a fabulous mother and women
- how to resolve conflicts
- our personal development in light of the Bible.

CONCLUSION

Maintaining and creating links between women all over France is our goal; a big challenge in a big country but also with swiss, belgian and german sisters in the future.

We are also working on renewing the board and encouraging women to build new groups.