



CONFEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMAN FROM LATIN AMÉRICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Report to the World Federation, referring to this pandemic period.

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"I look up at the mountains: where will help come from? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth ... The Lord will keep your way out and your way in, from now on and forever." Psalm 121: 1,2 and 8

The corona virus pandemic has strongly influenced countries, health, the economy, education, the social order, the political system and plans. Technology is our first ally and the most useful tool for our survival.

Methodist women are learning to use all kinds of technology to be able to fulfil their role as leaders, making lives and meetings via zoom.

The Confederation has given all the spiritual support with messages of encouragement and reflections. All work with the different countries in our area is done via WhatsApp or e-mail with Studies prepared by our sister Geny Amorim.

I have always communicated with the presidents and other sisters from different countries through the group we have formed for the Congress. In addition, I spoke personally with each Unit President via email and WhatsApp to find out how they are working in this time of social isolation, and they were all unanimous in saying about the difficulties they are experiencing, but that they have been holding meetings and trying to help the women of their countries. Guatemala for example finds it more difficult because women have different languages and difficulties in using technology, but the president is doing her best to take care of her members.

El Salvador is worrying me a lot, as President Adela Samayoa and several people are with the covid 19, including Bishop Juan de Deus and his family. The situation there became very difficult. However, speaking to her now, she told me that they are getting better thanks to God, and now it was Bishop Juan's father who got sick.

Bolivia was also complicated, but they are improving. In Brazil, everything is very difficult mainly due to the political issue, but we are working hard via the internet. All regions having lives and with that we are all very spiritually assisted and also with training.

I have been participating in a zoom meeting with the Valdivia district in Chile every week and it has been a blessing. Jessica also participates.

We are in constant contact with pastor Nora Montenegro who is revitalizing the Federation of Women in Nicaragua and are very excited to be returning to CMMALC. They must even participate in our Congress.

Venezuela also, by the grace of God, I was able to visit Bishop Thoby Ramires and his wife Pastora Elisabete Ramires, who were in Brazil in February, in another city in Rio de Janeiro and were very excited about the idea of organizing women in Venezuela as a Federation. They must also come to our congress.

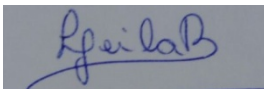
In fact, God has blessed our work in the Latin America Area a lot, as we had registrations from all countries for the congress. I hope to God that all countries, even though they are very affected by Covid 19, will still be able to participate in the Congress next year!!!!

We are preparing a live with a service for the 18th of August, the day of the Confederation of Latin America and the Caribbean.

It was necessary to postpone our Congress until next year. We are very reluctant, since the Hotel has been booked since September of last year, it was already being paid and the participants are paying the registration in instalments since November of the year 2019. Everything is ready like: bags, badges, pads, pens and souvenirs, invited speakers, in short, too complicated to postpone. We haven't even managed to set the new date with the Hotel yet, and we will have to go to another Hotel with bigger expenses and looking to hold our congress in the first semester, maybe June, because from July on, the agenda of the Church in Brazil is full, and even 10 regional congresses will be held, if God permits.

Finally, all Units are working with technological resources. All learning to use these resources. I believe that we are more in touch now in this pandemic period, praying for each other and participating in online work from other countries. We are very united, thanks to God!

"The grace of the Lord our God be upon us; confirm the works of our hands on us, yes, confirm the work of our hands". Psalm 90:17



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