

NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:9-11"

May this good news of joy be constant in our lives, and that we can radiate this light wherever we are! We make sense of this light in the places we went through, in the countries we visited and in the meetings we had!

We can perceive even in the messages of friendship shared by the group of Whatsap that we are part of, the love and friendship that we have enjoyed throughout our Latin America and the Caribbean Area!

It's been two years since we took on this responsibility and can feel how many blessings the Lord has poured out on our lives! Many have been the struggles, but the Blessings are certainly greater and the privilege of serving the Lord through



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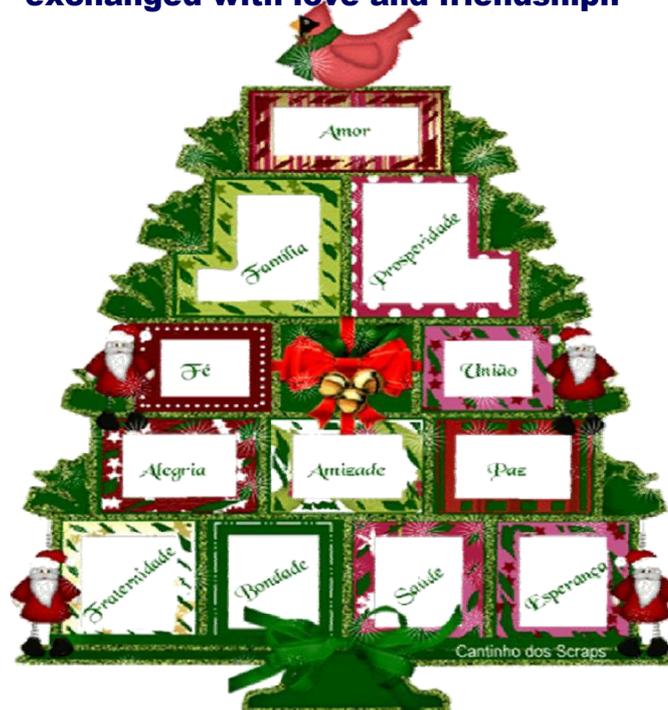
this Confederation it's huge! I truly feel blessed and willing to continue in the mission that God has entrusted to us to fulfill!

"Christmas is the birth of Christ. The new year, the birth of a new hope. May your end of the year come full of affection and gratitude.

May the God of life bless u and we can radiate this special light coming from our Lord Jesus Christ.

**CMMALC
LEILA DE JESUS BARBOSA**

**Christmas is a time of dreams, renewed hopes and messages
exchanged with love and friendship!!**



Editorial

Dear Sisters, our Seminar approaches and focuses on the theme "Selected Women: Calls to Proclaim the Greatness of God". In a world of uncertainties and evils, my certainty is that we are called to cry out in the desert, announcing Jesus and his great love.

We live in times of corruption, of instability, of crisis, consequence of sin, but I attach myself to the words of Jesus when he said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, but through me. " (John 14.6)

We are called to make a difference: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to shelter the stranger, to care for the needy, to visit the sick and imprisoned, in short, to love our neighbor as this is our main commandment. To announce Jesus is to point the right direction, is to always choose the truth and preach and defend life. Living the Kingdom of God is not so easy (if it is, there is a certain comfort on our part) because it implies a life of renunciation and denunciations. However, proclaiming makes us announce - with love - what God wants from us.

In this upcoming Seminar, we can go with hearts and minds open to the action of the Holy Spirit of God so that, with our experiences and experiences, we leave a little of what we are registered in our sisters and, with our expectations and emotions , we have prepared to work even more in favor of the Kingdom of God.

May God continue to empower us and bless us, thus confirming the work of our hands.

In the following news, we will see a little that He has blessed us and that is inspiring for our service.

With love,

Sonia do Nascimento Palmeira – Record Secretary

Area Seminar

Theme: Selected
Women: "Calls to as well as the World
Proclaim the Federation of
Greatness of God" Methodist Women. It
is a unique
opportunity to receive
the World Faith in our
country and for that
we count with the
participation of each
Unit of our Area.
The Confederation of
Methodist Women of
Latin America and the
Caribbean will be open-
minded to receive
Methodist women from
all Latin American and
Caribbean countries
Details in the
Registration Form.



Verse and Objective

Verse: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light".

Objective:

"Understand the mission of the Kingdom of God and seek the empowerment of women in the light of the Bible to announce Jesus Christ and bring the Good News of the Gospel promoting and transforming lives."

Local:
UMESP
Faculty of
Theology
São Paulo-
Brasil

Date: April 12
to 14, 2019



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News from the Countries



ARGENTINA

It is our wish to share with you and the other sister members of Federations of Latin America and the Caribbean that the Federation of Women Methodists Argentina, FeMMA Pastoral de la Mujer has a new Board of Directors.

On November 17, 2018, we met at the Assembly to change Delegates to the National Commission, at the facilities of the Gilgal Complex, Biale Massé, province of Córdoba, where the meeting was held with the motto "Celebrating Together the Promise".

The delegates were chosen by the leaders of the different areas of the country. It has been constituted as follows:

Coordinator: Nora Viacava Vice Coordinator: Mirta Monmany Correspondent Secretary: Graciela Geymonat Cheveste Recording Secretary: Graciela Troncozo Treasurer: Leticia Botha Member: Myrian Sinner Member: Gissella Dinarte Winter Pastoral Accompanist: María Esther Andersen

We ask the Lord to continue blessing your task and use the gifts and abilities to continue the path of the mission. So be it in the name of Jesus!

With love

Nora Viacava

National Commission of FeMMA Pastoral de la Mujer

BRASIL

National Congress of the Brazilian Confederation in Águas de Lindóia on November 29,30. 1st and 2nd of December



Elected board for the 2018-2022 Quadrennium: (left to right).

2nd Treasurer: Selma M.S. Oliveira

1st Treasurer: Letícia Neves

President: Ivana Maria Aguiar Garcia

Vice President: Denize Ornelas Pereira

Corresponsal Secretary: Sheila R. M. Bissoqui

Record Secretary: Geny Amorim

Congress marked by very special moments, mainly the silent march through the city saying "No to Violence against Women" with posters and T-shirts of the "Thursday in Black" Campaign.



Guatemala

COFEMAG ESTER reunited in her Meeting, December 3rd,4th and 5th , 2018



URUGUAY

Retreat of the Feminine Federation of Methodist of Uruguay

Theme- "Women Called to be Bread of Life"



UBUNTU JOURNEY IN LATIN AMERICA

Ubuntu Journey - By Rev. Andréa Reily Regional Missionary of United Methodist Women for the Development of Women, Children and Youth Leadership in Latin America

A word found in the African languages Zulu and Xhosa, Ubuntu means "I am human because you are human", "I am because you are". Ubuntu affirms the integral value of all humanity, of all of God's creation. Thus, women, often less-valued and raped, have a possible space of equity and dignity, of growth and empowerment when they meet.

With that in mind, 12 years ago United Methodist Women held U-buntu Days, mission trips that promote meetings between women from different parts of the same country and the world. Each day has its local peculiarity, but all invite to share, share personal history and faith.

In 2018, the two Ubuntu Days were in South America. On September 21 to 30, a group of 10 American women was in the region of the great La Paz and Ancoraimes, meeting with innumerable women's societies of the Women Methodist Federation of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia. Guided by the theme "Living to serve: Honoring our Methodist heritage" and the biblical text of Psalm 100.2, women were able to share their stories, their cultures and their faith, training the others and together hopefully.

BOLIVIA





PERÚ

Ten days later, from October 10 to 17, Ubuntu Peru took place. A new group of 11 women from the United States spent special days in Lima with about 30 Peruvian sisters from the Feminine Methodist Federation of the Methodist Church of Peru.

Together they prayed, studied the Word, told stories, shared food and had fun. Most of all, they lived the motto, "" Walking together with God."

I am who I am because you are who you are. And so, we can be who God made us be.

MESSAGES



May this Christmas season be a new opportunity we have to remember that in Jesus we have hope, justice, joy, love and peace.

Many hugs to you and this new year 2019, allow us to remain solidary, share and live! Many blessings.

Jéssica- Vice president of Área



It's Christmas! It offers joy built with unity, solidarity and gratitude. That in 2019 perpetuate the love of the Child Jesus, and assertive acts with hope, courage and faith.

Cláudia- Vice president



Christmas is the expression of life, it is a time of hope and renewal. It is Christ who was born so long ago, he still keeps the light that brought his lesson of love to the world and that love is the reason for everything that moves us. Christmas will be felt and experienced by the women of the CMMALC.

Else- Treasurer



It's Christmas! Colorful lights blinking cheerfully! Bells and houses adorned to receive the baby Jesus! It is a time of joy, of communion, of sharing. My wish for all the sisters is to celebrate with a happy heart yes, even if there is sadness ... Celebrate and feel peace in your heart, even though there are difficulties around you ... Celebrate our hope is in the Lord Jesus, who was born ... He brought us water "if you drink from this water you will never thirst again." He brought us life "I came that they may have life and life in abundance." Joy, peace, celebrate! Sing and praise! The Baby Jesus was born! May the Lord be at your table, together with your family! Merry Christmas! Happy life!

Geny- Literature Encharge



There is more, much more for Christmas than candlelight and joy. This is important and necessary, but also the spirit of sweet friendship that shines throughout the year. It is consideration and kindness; hope reborn and peace for the understanding; tolerance and benevolence of men. I want your Christmas to be bright with light and joy, but above all, enlightened with love, peace and harmony. Merry Christmas!

Sonia- Secretary



Thank God for his indescribable gift "2Co.9: 15. What a wonderful gift we are about to receive! Preparing your arrival, let's meet to prepare the way. Arriving humbly, we receive the baby Jesus that is born in our hearts. Sharing love, we sing and praise the Good News: "He was born in order to be reborn; live to revive us. King, prophet and Savior. Praise everyone to the Lord! "(Gospel Hymnal 11). Happy Christmas wait and arrival for all of us! Hugs of hope and love.

Rev. Andréa Reily- Regional Missionary



Dear sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean. Today we wait again for the son God to represent us with his love and reiterate that spiritually he is still alive through his scriptures that we must apply, to be able to live in peace and harmony. Open the windows of your soul, so that God's blessings can enter. has for you With my best wishes, a Merry Christmas and a new year in the company of the Lord Jesus.

Ivonne- President Emeritus and representative ECLAC for Latin America