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Confederation of Methodist Women of Latin America and the Caribbean

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Chosen
People:
Calls to
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What a joy! Another newsletter is coming to you, dear sister who is part of our Confederation of Methodist Women of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Yes. You are very important! You who are part of your Women's Society, your church, your Federation. Right there where you are, where God put you.

And one more reason for joy is, together, on August 18, we will celebrate the CONFEDERATION DAY OF METHODIST WOMEN OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

We send with great affection, a suggestion of liturgy, where we will be reaffirming our commitment to the work of the Lord.

We are all part of this wonderful work, where the Lord calls us to proclaim The Word!

The Lord calls us to proclaim the hope of salvation in Jesus Christ!

And we are called to accomplish this mission BEING LUZ!

We all, together, each in your country, in your harvest, can make a difference in the lives of so many women, of so many people. As? BEING LIGHT! TAKING LIGHT!

We have the LIGHT of the Lord upon us. Let us shine and spread this DIVINE LIGHT, proclaiming the hope of a life placed in the hands of the Lord Jesus. We met him. But many lives have not yet.

May our LIGHT shine, ignite, be fluorescent, incandescent, be the shining of God's love!

Geny Amorim

CMMALC Literature Officer



EDITORIAL

Seeds, many seeds were thrown over the years in our soils, by many valiant women who dreamed of reaching all of Latin America and the Caribbean .

These dreams began in a hard, firm soil, which was sweated with a lot of sweat, a lot of fighting but a lot of joy at every sowing, because they knew it was a special Seed.

Launched in her home, in her church, through her friend, her sister, her Methodist Women's Society..

With each preparation of our newsletter, I have seen how much these seeds

They germinate and in such a brilliant way, each one in its singularity, with its perfume, its beauty, its color and its own way of being.

We still have many soils that need to be softened, prepared to receive the seeds, so they germinate and flourish wonderfully..

With willingness and willingness to place our hands in the field and together with You, Let us sow where our hands, feet, eyes, mouth reach.

"Then shall rain rain upon thy seed, wherewith thou shalt sow the earth, and bread of the newness of the earth; And it will be full and fertile "Isaiah - 30.23

**Affectionate hug, fruit or better
Flour of a Sowing.**

**Claudia Lima Camargo Lira
Vice President**



“We are a Chosen People
"and we were called to Proclaim the Kingdom of our God wherever we pass.

Office hour

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EL SALVADOR

On May 23-27, 2017, in celebration of the death of Monsignor Oscar Romero, the Methodist Women's Conference was held in Auachapán, El Salvador, when we were together, Jéssica Solar, Area Vice-President and myself, Leila Barbosa, President of CMMALC area, participating with the Methodist women of a very special moment when the new national directive of the country was elected for the next two years.



Vowel 3 Norma Calderon; Member 1 America Garcia; President Adela Samayoa; Secretary Evelyn Garcia; Vowel 2 Reina Mendoza; Tesoureira Adela Quintanilla and Rev Juan de Dios Pena

The joy was immense for the opportunity to know the work and also for the blessing of running two workshops each. Jessica spoke about "Healthy Self-Esteem" and "Organization of work" and Leila on "Woman present of God" and on what is the CMMALC. The ministry of the Word in the opening service was with Sister Jessica and at the closing service with Sister Leila.

Rev. Juan de Dios was a blessing all the time with his sympathy and organizational capacity, and also for the attention and affection with the participating women.



They all enjoyed a wonderful place on the first day, when it was possible to enjoy the flowers of many colors in the Café Entre Nuvens. Joy to see such young girls participating in the work of the Women's Society





On the second day the works were in the El Shaddai Church where we were received by the pastor Emerson who welcomed us with much affection



Pastor Emerson

Presentation of the works of each female society





The experience with the sisters and brothers of El Salvador was unforgettable and of great importance for the CMMALC.

We thank Rev. Juan de Dios Peña and Sister Roxana Nero outgoing president of the Federation, for all the affection and attention given to the CMMALC!



Sisters, we will never forget them!



MEETING OF THE WORLD FEDERATION



From March 6 to 10, the World Officials meeting was held in Chicago, United States at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The members of the Board of Directors were: President Alison Judd; Vice President Matilda Johnson, Secretary Mataiva Robertson, Treasurer Leu Pupulu, Archivist Judith Siaba, Life Tree Editor Ligia Istrate, President Emeritus Ann Conan and the Presidents of the Nine Areas, including Latin America Area, Leila de Jesus Barbosa.

They were precious moments of sisterhood, where we could get to know each other a little more, we heard about the works and experiences of each one, there was presentation of all the Presidents .



We lived an interesting experience, being oriented to work with a modern method called **KETSO**, Which means **ACTION**. Together, looking to see where we come from, where we are and where we want to go.

We received a rich material containing information from all the Areas and the components of the Board, goals to be followed by each Area, such as the goals for Latin America and the Caribbean:

Good health and well-being; A healing miracle; Defend / support clinics and health centers in rural communities; Mental health care and stop for obesity;

Gender Equality - Genesis 1: 27 and 28; Training programs for women and girls / promotion of dignity;

Reduction of inequalities - Matthew 20: 25-28, orientation - paper models.



In short, they were very rich days for all and there was still an afternoon to know us better. Chicago was very good place! May God bless us in this great responsibility!



FEDERATIONS

Brasil- First Region

XVI REGIONAL MEETING OF METHODIST WOMEN



With the theme "Women marked by God reach lives that suffer", on March 18, 2017, the 16th Methodist Women's Regional Meeting took place in the Central Methodist Church in Valença - Valença district .

Joy, expectations, emotions, caravans coming, with the certainty and firm confidence in God, the President of the Women's Federation, Fatima Regina directed that event that was a true feast in the presence of God.



The word in the morning was given by **Bishop Paulo Rangel**.

The presentation of the Districts was very lively! The sisters wore scarves, colored balls, girdles for the moment of the call.

This year, all districts participated, with 1,500 persons. We praise God for the life of our District Secretaries who committed to the work responsibly and tirelessly!



Authorities of other estates were also present
Ivana Aguiar Garcia - Confederation's President; Amélia Tavares - Editor of the Missionary Voice; Ezequiel Faleiro - President of the Federation of Men; Deise Marques - Coordinator of Christian Education; Deusimar Gomes de Oliveira - President of the Pastors' Wives Association; Débora de Oliveira Ribeiro dos Santos - Regional Sunday School Coordinator. We can not fail to emphasize the presence of many Pastors and Pastors who have supported the work of the Federation in the Region.



In the afternoon, the Walk for Peace took place: Women of all ages took their peaceful protest in the streets of Valencia with indignation and shame for violence against women, with advertisements. The Methodist women of the 1st Region are positioned and seek solutions for this situation that involves the whole society.

Neighbors and residents understood this moment and through demonstrations and hearts made with hands gave feedback.

We have had the testimony of surpassing Pastor Sirléia, who spoke about her life and the recovery of the violence suffered by her daughter in losing her son, a testimony that, independent of anything, we cannot stop praising and blessing the name of the Lord.

Finally, Pastor Giselma Brum, Advisor of the 1st Region brought the final reflection.



Sonia Soares Teixeira

Vice-President of the Women's Federation



SEVENTH REGION



Bishop Emanuel Silva (Mano) was present.

On March 26, 2017, the III Meeting of Women of the Seventh Region was held with the theme: "Women marked by God achieve lives serving"



Joyce and Elizabeth advertising Missiary Voice



There were about 800 women who participated in a march in Defense of Women that suffers violence of all forms



Women from São Gonçalo district advertising Thursday in Black.





Maria Alice, her daughter and granddaughters doing the SMM propaganda, Which can span generations

Seventh Region in plenary meeting



Clicia talking about World Day of Prayer

We also had the words of Pastor Monica Mendes de O. França, who ministered the sacrament and the ceremony of foot washing

Clicia .



SECOND REGIÃO

It was a joy, as President of the Women's Methodist Federation, along with all Sisters of Directory, Vera Elisa Coelho Nunes and Eneida Fonseca Both participate in the **100-year-old** Worship of the Methodist Women's Society of the Central Methodist Church of Santa Maria.

A beautiful Memorial with many guests. The message was from Bishop Luiz Vergílio da Rosa.

God continues blessing the work of the sisters .

President Eva Regina Ramão.



FOUTH REGIÃO

On July 1, 2017 was held, the District Meeting of Methodist Women District Norte-Sul Belo Horizonte / 4th region, in the Methodist Church in Inconfidentes, organized by the District Secretaries Idair Pereira, Dalcy Gomes, Angela Maria Nascimento and Carla Marinho, and also by the pastor Airam Lomeu, encharged for the district.



There was a Conference with Sister Eloisa Altino, who gave a lecture and moments of praise with the theme: "Women Marked by God Reach Lives."

With this word, women were incited to overthrow "the walls" that lead them away from a full life with God, through praising and worshipping.

The meeting was also attended by the President of the 4th Region Maria Olinda Filó Mazzini and Emerite President Mar-Iussi Satlher.



It was a blessed and edifying time of ministry in the lives of the women of societies, which are already marked by God and come out of that Encounter with the burning desire to reach lives .

SD Carla Adriana

EIGHTH REGION



On June 3rd, it was held The District Bi District F Norte and F Sul occurred in the Methodist Church in Taguatinga Centro-DF , The preacher was in charge of our Bishop Hideide Brito and in the program we had Women's music groups, Bible bingo and others

Informed President Magali Nicholas



REMNE

Women marked by God reach lives, taking steps of Faith, it was the theme of the District Meeting of women of District eight in Paraíba. Under the coordination of the SD Suely Freitas, participation of all societies, through praises and dances. The sweet presence of the Holy Spirit was tremendous through every gesture, every word, every greeting. The district pastor, Cícero E Batista, was present, giving a welcoming word as local pastor and SD, also the presence of Pastor Edson Davi and the word ministered by Pastor Claudete Costa. We were truly impacted, restored and prepared for the new.

God bless us, surprised us, it was an afternoon of blessing, communion, and I could not stop saying, God beautiful. Thanks, Dad.



Informed President Maria do Amparo de Freitas



COLOMBIA

Dear sister leila

The blessing of God is upon you and your ministry.

I wanted to send you some of the activities that have been done in Colombia, I think it is good that we all learn from our work in different countries.

In the month of **March**: I participated in the **Celebration for Women's Day** in the Indigenous Territory Zenu, summoning more than 280 women from our indigenous cabildos. There were competitions, awards, talks.

I have been working with leaders and Capitanas in the internal strengthening of the organization, through Talks, Workshops and accompaniment. This has helped in his project of life without losing its uses and customs.

I have had the privilege of belonging to one of its Councils having the rights and duties as indigenous Zenu.

In the month of **April: Ubuntu** ... took place from April 20 to 27. The first Ubuntu in Colombia, three brother countries USA, Brazil and Colombia; In the company of twelve beautiful United Methodist Women.

We visited three communities of our Colombian Methodist Church, San Onofre, Brisas del Mar and Flor del Campo in Cartagena, showing our experiences, gastronomy, our culture, and our hopes.



Devotions, women's dramas in Jesus' time, group work, and crafts were very special and meaningful experiences for our women.



In May, it was held **the National Ecumenical Encounter** in Bogotá from May 18-21. I was invited by the Group of Women Peacebuilders, GEMPAZ, where I have been working for six years to share our experiences of building Peace and Political Advocacy in our region (Sam-Sucre) with the participation of 25 women of five regions of Colombia. Women committed to building Peace from our Faith.

The purpose of this Encounter was to streng the ecumenical spirituality and Gempaz identity. Ecumenical Group of Women Builder of Peace. We had various activities: moments of reflection, self care, conversations. Panel with FARC ex-combatants and a representative of the High Commissioner for Peace. We tell our experiences, challenges and impact on our regional peacebuilding work at the moment in Colombia.



Luvis Diaz Chavez
NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF WOMEN ICM

PARAGUAI

Women's Congress held on 4 and 5 November by the Women's Federation, when all districts participated.

President Zunilda Ascurra reported



PANAMA

**XVI General Assembly of the Women's Federation of the Methodist Church of Panamá
(March 11-12, 2017).**



*First meeting and united worship of the District of Chiriqui, with the theme:
Effective Leadership in Women*



**National Board of Women's Methodist Federa-
tion of Panama**



First Meeting of the National Board and Workshop with Topic: Principles of Leadership in our Ministries



Emln celebration of the month of Methodism the District of Panama visits the Hospital Area and shares with women, baskets to fulfill the call to serve and bring hope to those who need it.



Yahaira Ruiz President



CHILE

WOMEN'S METHODIST FEDERATION OF CHILE .

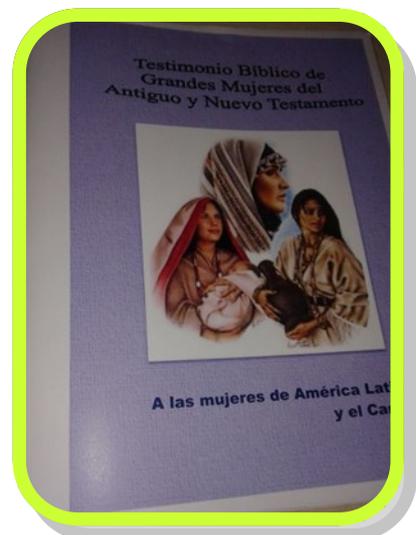
Despite the cold, rain, wind and snow, we met as a Board of the Chilean Women's Federation in Loncoche to continue analyzing and planning our trek. There was delivered the program of the Federation Day, for the month of August where we have activities throughout that month. We culminate our time with a beautiful Meeting of Women of the South Circuit with the theme "Chosen to Proclaim New Life in Christ". Directed by Sister Rita Paredes. The reflection by Sister Ivonne Pereira, ending with a dynamic of forgiveness led by Sister Silvia Toledo.

On this occasion, Sister Ivonne Pereira presented her book "Biblical Testimony of Great Women of the Old and New Testament" for Latin America and the Caribbean, written by her. We thank the local Church for her hospitality and Pastors: Superintendent Pedro Palacios, Pastor Neftalí Gajardo and Pastor Pedro Grandon Seguel.

Thank you Lord for your company and fidelity



Booklet presented by Sister Ivonne



Meeting



Federation Month Program



Enjoying the snow before starting the session



Sisters of South District

President -Silvia Toledo Salazar

ARGENTINA

Women's Methodist Federation of Argentina

National Women Team of FeMMA Pastoral reunited in Rosario,
Province of Santa Fe



Coordinator, Silvia Mutio (VIRCH Patagonia); Vice Coordinator, Mirta Monmany (Argentine Northwest); Secretary, Graciela Troncozo (Gran Rosario, Sur Santafecino and Litoral); Correspondent Secretary, Nora Viacava (Autonomous City and Gran Bs As); Treasurer, Noemi Gallardo (Córdoba); Vocals, Sara Paladino (Buenos Aires), Fanny Gamboa (Cuyo); Pastora, María Esther Andersen (Gran Rosario)

On May 30, the Women's Group of the Church of Arroyito (Rosario) made its First Annual Tea. In the photo we can see the Commission formed by the Coordinator Mrs. Cristina De Aceto, Treasurer Mrs. Nora Casas de Pfurr, Secretary Miss Elizabeth Sclavi. The objective of the Tea is to raise funds to be used in Social Action inside and outside the church.

Graciela Troncozo.



Prayer meeting in Jujuy, International Women's Day. From the community of faith and families we want to be merciful in the face of so many needs.

. Estela Florit



District Women's Encounter in Trelew, Chubut. Eblin Foletto, Silvia Mutio



On Saturday, June 3, we had the celebration for the 150 years of our Church's life, full of emotion, praise, gratitude to the Lord and dreams for the years to come.

We celebrate it as we celebrate our services, proclaiming that the doors of this house were opened for the neighborhood, praising the Lord with instruments and our voices, with gratitude for the rich inheritance and memory for the people who were part of this community with so much history.. Nora Viacava



World Day of Prayer
Women of Bahía Blanca,
province of Buenos Aires.
Graciela Geymonat Che-
veste

Encounter of women FeMMA
Pastoral.Colón, Entre Ríos





Encounter of Women
Puerto Madryn - Chubut -
Eblin Foletto, Esther Dal-
mas, Mariela Williams

Meeting of Women Tre-
lew, Chubut- Eblin Fo-
letto, Silvia Mutio



National Coordinator: Silvia Mutio

MÉXICO
METHODIST CHURCH OF MEXICO A.R.
Annual Conference of Mexico
MEXICO FEDERATION OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES
XXVII ANNUAL MEETING



XXVII Annual Assembly of the Mexican Federation of Missionary Societies, held on June 2, 4, 2017, at 4:00 pm in the temple "El Mesías", Miraflores, Chalco, Edo. Of Mexico, having the Opening Cult at the hour before mentioned, preaching Pbra. I. Ma. Zabdiel Campos Muñoz, Superintendent of the Valley of Anahuac, with the message "IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST", with Biblical foundation in Letter to the Ephesians 6: 10-20, directing the worship Araceli Vázquez Alaniz, President of Federation and Eva Romero General Coordinator.

There were moments of prayer for the Assembly, and also for the other Assemblies being held, as well as the Annual Conference, Bishop, Pastors, SMF, etc.

Total attendance: 78 people

Sister was appointed. Rebeca América Tinoco as a Secretary of Assembly, since the Secretary Irma Vega presented her resignation one day before having this Assembly.

We proceed with the Internal organization: Commissions, lodging, food, courtesies, prayer, attendance statistics, standards, treasury statistics, communion, memorial service, social night, music, refreshments, photography, general program management, craftsmen, tellers, Commission of Plans and projects, Reviewing Commission of minutes and treasury of the Federation, time control.

The food was prepared by the SMF sisters "Martha and Maria" of Miraflores, to whom we thank infinitely the preparation that they did with care and promptness.

On Saturday, June 3, a Devotional was led by SMF "SARA" of Cocotitlán and after it were held the II and III Plenary Sessions with the President Report, General Coordinator and Treasurer

We had the Memorial Service, preaching Rev. Gabriel Solano Ramírez, directed by Coordinators of the South East Department, mentioning all our sisters who are present in the sky. Giving thanks to God for their lives that have been an example for us.

We had moments of prayer for our country, raped women, families that have lost a family kidnapped, for our youth and children, for elders, for our rulers, for our beloved IMMAR Methodist Church, Bishop and her pastors.

The Coordinator of the Center for Comprehensive Diagnosis for Adolescents (CDIA) Bertha López gave her report highlighting that no Sunday has stopped attending the youth of the Center, bringing preachers and sisters accompanying this ministry.

The "Oasis del Retiro" Project was reported, agreeing to have a meal in the month of August by all SMFs and to support this project.

The Reports of Delegates, CMMALYC, UNISFEC, Assembly of the North and Southeast Federations were read.

There was a workshop "Broken Dolls", by Sister. Deyanira Simental.- North Federation, which was gratifying for our spirit many times breaking, we give thanks to God for this workshop, which was a great blessing for the assisting sisters.

It was carried out social dinner with lottery, stairs, memorama, darts, karaoke and others. It was beautiful to see that all the sisters showed that they still have soul of girls, we laugh, we sang, and we did not want to leave the event.

On Sunday, June 4, the Fourth Plenary Session was held, where they gave the opinions of the Review Committees of Books of Minutes and Treasury.

Delegates were appointed for the 2018 Assemblies of Southeast and Northern Federations, being named.

Southeast .- Santa Avila Delegate Owner and Verónica Castro Alternate-
North.- Jaquelina García Delegate Owner and Esperanza Ayala.- Alternate.

The 2018 Candidature Committee was appointed.

Center.- Yolanda López Beltrán

SO.- Debora Hortiales

VA.- Rosario Ríos

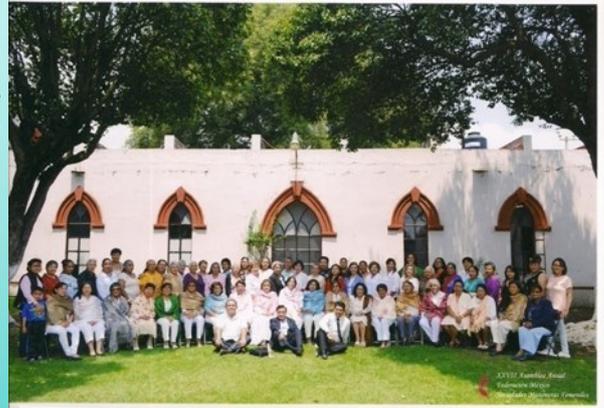
And the current President of the Federation.

We close with the Closing Worship united with the congregation of Miraflores, imparting the communion the Pbro. Demetrio Solano and Pbra. Zabdiel Campos., Having a very succulent meal with barbecue.

We thank God that we can fulfill one more commitment.

Sincerely,

ARACELI VASQUEZ A.

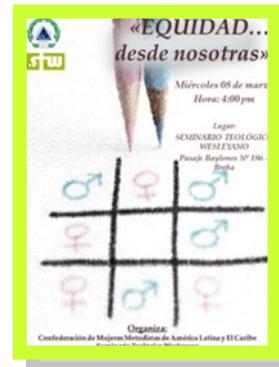


PERU

In commemoration of International Women's Day, a Conference was organized entitled "**Equity ... since us**"; with Dr. Dora Canales and Rev. Rosanna Panizo, Dean and Academic Director of the Wesleyan Theological Seminary of the Methodist Church of Peru as invited presenters for this date; in addition with the participation of Mag. Rebeca Luza, Theologian and Teacher of the same Seminar.

This theme, as we know, is vital not only to improve the economic, social, political and cultural conditions of society as a whole, but also contributes to a more integral citizenship and to strengthening democratic governance

Achieving gender equality is a challenge for all societies and their governments, and it is necessary and inescapable to formulate and structure the appropriate means to develop the same capacities, opportunities and security, and to reduce violence-conflicts, allowing both In men as women establish freedoms and capacities to choose and decide on their living conditions



On this occasion, we requested to bring a non-perishable food as solidarity support to a Pastor of our community, who is in the process of recovering his health.



Finally, each of the assistants were given a book separator, and only two of them had the word "Blessed" on the back; obtaining Christian Education books as a present.

This Conference is the beginning of a Conference Cycle and part of the work being done as Vice President of the CMMALC Area in Peru.

We are preparing another Conference in the month of August.
God let us to do.

Let us continue to seek His face in humility, obedience and love, and every day He will guide and guide us

Jessica Solar

Latin America Area Vice-President, CMMALC